

TEAM PSYCHO ELITE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Definition

Team Psycho will award two development sponsorships annually in the amount of \$2,500. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, the team will bring its capabilities and experience in sport and business to bear to assist the individuals in achieving their goals. This includes mentoring by experienced long and short course professionals associated with the team and an opportunity to be introduced to potential sponsors both within and outside the sport of triathlon. The core of the athlete advisory group will be made up of Karen Smyers, former Ironman World Champion, and world champion, Michael McCormack, former Ironman Canada winner and triathlon coach and Josh Dapice, former triathlon Olympic trials participant. For more information on the team and its members, visit our web page at www.teampsycho.com.

As it is our desire to provide “seed money” for these athletes the award is renewable for a maximum of two additional years. It is our hope and desire that after this point, if not sooner, the athlete will have the ability to secure more significant sponsorship.

Goals and Objectives

These grants are to fund fledgling professional triathletes to assist them in achieving their potential. It is an effort by the team to “give back” to the triathlon community by supporting the efforts of these dedicated and talented athletes. It is also the expressed desire to have these athletes become part of and participate in the Team Psycho community during their journey, ideally, to the Olympic trials in 2004/2008.

Scope and Qualifications

To be eligible the individual must be an American citizen, reside in New England and have the athletic ability and commitment necessary to achieving at the highest levels of professional triathlon. Athletes who have achieved success in sport, but have little or no experience in triathlon are encouraged to apply. They must also demonstrate what for lack of a better term, can be described as “Psycho karma” - a love of competition and camaraderie, strong goal orientation and a positive demeanor and personality. Beginning with the 2004 season, preference will be given to athletes who are already members of Team Psycho.

Efforts will be made to award a male and a female each year, but the team reserves the right to make awards to the most qualified candidates. Athletes must complete the following application, which covers background, history, achievements, and future plans and goals. They are strongly encouraged to provide as much information as possible to provide the most complete picture of themselves, their dedication to the sport and athletic potential. Selection will be based on their ability to achieve athletically and approach their athletic endeavors and life in the manner fitting with the attributes detailed above.

Beginning with the 2003 season candidates will be required to participate in at least one of the two designated New England races indicated on the web page. This will give the selection team an opportunity to meet the applicant and observe them in a competitive situation. (It is also the opportunity to beat the pants off of them - if you can.) Final candidates will go through a personal interview process prior to final selections being made.

These grants will go to offset actual expenses incurred by the athlete. Expenses must be submitted to the team treasurer for reimbursement.

Logistics

Applications are due by February 15th, 2003. Awards will be made by March 15th, 2003 for the 2003 season. Please send applications to:

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TEAM PSYCHO ELITE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Attach Photo
Here
(Optional)

Personal Information and Background

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

State / Zip: _____

Country: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Sex: M F

Athletic History and Achievements (Outside of triathlon):

Triathlon History and Plans

Brief Triathlon History:

Most Important / Top 3 Finishes (Please provide race results as verification)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Future Goals (Be as specific as possible):

Next 12 months: _____

1 – 3 Years: _____

Why do you deserve to be selected for this program? _____

What other qualities outside of athletics make you an ideal candidate for this program? _____
