



## **Carving the Future Grant**

### **Supporting Para Inclusion & Integration in Alpine Ski Racing**

#### **1. Program Overview**

Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) is proud to introduce the **Carving the Future Grant**, a funding initiative designed to support ski clubs, teams, and organizations that are actively creating space for para-athletes in their programming. Through the adoption of the *Becoming Para Ready* resource, this grant recognizes and funds efforts to build inclusive, welcoming environments in para-alpine skiing at all levels.

#### **2. Purpose**

The Carving the Future Grant aims to:

- Promote the implementation of ACA's *Becoming Para Ready* resource across Canadian alpine ski clubs.
- Support clubs that are meaningfully integrating para-athletes into long-term programming.
- Encourage new para-athlete recruitment through accessible and inclusive *Try-It* events.

#### **3. Eligible Applicants**

Open to Canadian ski clubs, race teams, or alpine organizations that:

- Are in good standing with their Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization.
- Are actively engaged in para inclusion or planning to do so.
- Are adopting or implementing ACA's *Becoming Para Ready* resource.

#### **4. Funding Streams**

Applicants may apply for **one** of the following grant types:

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##### **Stream 1: 🏆 NextGen Grant- Full Program Athlete Integration - \$5000**

##### **Purpose:**

Support clubs that have **classifiable para-athletes** fully integrated into their training and racing programs.

##### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Athlete must be classified or presumed to be classifiable.
- Athlete must be integrated into the club's full-time program (seasonal training, coaching, and events).
- Club demonstrates alignment with *Becoming Para Ready*.



- Yearly Training Plan in alignment with ACA performance pathway.

**Use of Funds May Include:**

- Adaptive equipment
  - Coaching support
  - Facility or accessibility improvements
  - Competition/Classification support or travel
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**Stream 2: 🏆 Development Grant –*Carving the Future Try-It Event*- \$2500**

**Purpose:**

Support clubs in delivering a **Carving the Future Try-It Event** that introduces athletes with a disability to alpine skiing in a safe, welcoming environment. Emphasis will be given to events that have classifiable para-alpine athletes on the podium pathway.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Club must be plan and execute a one-day or short-format *Try-It* event.
- Event must be open to new and existing potential para-athletes.
- Event should include Para Alpine Stakeholders Such as ACA or CADS

**Use of Funds May Include:**

- Event coordination costs
  - Equipment rentals or transport
  - Marketing and outreach
  - Staff or volunteer training
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**Stream 3: 🏠 Athlete Bursary – Up to \$2,500**

**Purpose:**

For individual para-athletes attending development opportunities

Provides direct financial support for athletes participating in a Carving the Future or ACA-supported development project.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Applicant is a classifiable para-athlete with a demonstrated commitment to development.
- Must be attending an ACA-endorsed project or CTF camp.
- Coach or club support letter required.

**Funds may support:**

- Camp or event fees



- Travel and accommodation
  - Equipment rental or shipping
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## 5. Application Timeline

- **Applications Open:** Aug 15, 2025
- **Deadline to Apply:** Nov 1, 2025
- **Funds Disbursed:** January 2026

## 6. Application Requirements

All applicants must submit:

- Completed online application form
- Description of how *Becoming Para Ready* is being implemented
- For Stream 1: Athlete info and integration plan
- For Stream 2: Event outline and goals
- Budget overview

## 7. Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed based on:

- Alignment with Para Pathway
- Impact on para-athlete inclusion or recruitment
- Feasibility and clarity of proposed plan
- Potential for continued growth and leadership in para inclusion

## 8. Reporting Requirements

Recipients must submit a brief report by **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2026** including:

- Summary of grant activities
- Budget Reconciliation with Para Specific Expenditures
- Photos, testimonials, or video clips
- Contact information for Athletes/Coaches involved with project.
- For NextGen: Athlete support plan and progress summary (GMP)
- For Development: Event summary, participation outcomes, and optional photos/testimonials