**2019 VIRA Athlete Travel Assistance**

The Vancouver Island Runners’ Association (VIRA) will provide travel assistance of up to $500 per calendar year per individual.

**Program:**

The program provides financial support for high performance athletes living on Vancouver Island to assist them in achieving personal bests and in participating international, championship or high-profile running races.

**Eligibility:** To apply for financial assistance athletes must:

1. Be a resident of Vancouver Island (minimum of 6 months)
2. Be a member in good standing of a VIRA Club.
3. Be participating in a race sanctioned by BC Athletics, Athletics Canada, AIMS or IAAF.
4. Demonstrated achievement at a local, regional and/or provincial level with a **significant record of participation in the Island Series – emphasis on results in the 12 months preceding the application.**
5. Be a minimum of 16 years of age at December 31 in the year of the application.

**Criteria:** Funding support will be based on the following priorities:

1. British Columbia or Canadian Championship race or qualifier
2. International race representing Canada.
3. Invitational international race.

**Application Process:** Athletes must submit one application for each competition using the form on the back of this information sheet. The VIRA Executive will review applications monthly and notify applicants within 30 days of their request as to whether funding has been approved. Following the event, successful applicants are expected to provide receipts for their expenses as well as a link to official race results and a brief race report.

**Submit Application to:** Judi Sigurdson, Treasurer

Vancouver Island Runners’ Association

1580 Prairie St, Victoria, BC. V8N 2L3

judi.sigurdson@gmail.com

**2019 VIRA Athlete Travel Assistance Application**

Name:

Address:

Postal Code: Phone:

E-mail:

Gender: M \_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_ Age Birth Date:

VIRA Member Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# of VIRA Island Series Races completed in the last two years: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Employment:**

Full time \_\_\_\_ Part time \_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_ Full time athlete \_\_\_\_

**Destination Race:**

Name:

Location:

Date: Estimated Expenses:

Other funding: Amount sought:

**Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Note to applicants**: VIRA is a non-profit organization operated on self-generated funds. All travel grants will be based on available funds. The VIRA Executive will approve requests for Travel Assistance and notify successful applicants within 30 days of receiving this form.

**Please review ‘Eligibility’ and ‘Criteria’ prior to submission**