

Keiji Yamanaka

Training Assistance Program

GNS is pleased to offer the Keiji Yamanaka Training Assistance Grant. This training assistance grant is in memory of Keiji Yamanaka, an amazing coach, who was involved in gymnastics in Nova Scotia for more than 40 years. Keiji wanted athletes to have the opportunity to do gymnastics. He also had high expectations in the gym and for doing well in school. We know that positive experiences in sports can build self-esteem and create positive lasting relationships that can change a young life. Keiji would not want someone to miss out on that valuable opportunity because they didn't have the financial means to participate.



GNS will distribute a \$1000 grant annually to a Gymnastics Nova Scotia athlete whose family faces financial barriers.

To be eligible, **CLUBS must nominate** athletes that they feel would benefit the most from this award. The following criteria will be considered in the selection process as these qualities were very important to Keiji:

- Athlete should have consistent attendance at training
- Athlete is a hard worker and has a good attitude
- Athlete is committed to doing well in school
- Athletes that are eligible for Kidsport funding may be given priority
- Must provide 2 reference letters (it is recommended that 1 be gymnastics related and the other be school or community related)

Nominations should be sent in by the club and should include information supporting the criteria indicated above.

All nominations are due to GNS by February 21, 2024. Please forward nominations and supporting documents to Gymnastics Nova Scotia at gns@sportnovascotia.ca