



Miami FSC Scholarship Fund for Skating Excellence

About the Scholarship – One of the missions of the Miami Figure Skating Club is to serve as a supportive community which promotes individual growth for figure skaters. The “Miami FSC Scholarship Fund” (the “Scholarship”) is designed to help support competitive figure skaters with financial support for skating-related expenses.

Qualifications - Scholarship applicants must meet each of the following qualifications to be considered for a Scholarship:

a. For the skating season (July 1 through June 30) in which the application is made, an applicant must be a home club member in good standing of the Miami Figure Skating Club, and actively training and competing during that skating season. “Actively training and competing” means an applicant must have competed in at least three non-qualifying and/or qualifying competitions during the same time period. At least one of the three required competitions must be at the Juvenile level or higher, and the skater must have qualified for that competition by passing the appropriate test level. The Juvenile competition level may be in Freeskating, Pairs or Dance.

b. Competition Results – For the skating season in which the application is made:

1. For at least one of these Juvenile level or higher non-qualifying events, the applicant must have placed in the top three for events of 10 skaters or fewer, or in the top 50% in larger events with multiple flights of competitors. Special consideration may be given to skaters who make “final rounds” or “championship rounds” at annual non-qualifying competitions with more than 10 entries in the Juvenile level or higher.
2. For IJS competition events, the applicant must have achieved above the minimum points required to pass the Freeskate, Pairs or Dance test that qualifies the skater for his or her competition level. (See the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook for minimum test standards.)
3. Results at the U.S. Qualifying Regional Championships that qualify the applicant for “final rounds” will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph b.
4. Qualification and participation at competitions at the Sectional, National or International level also will satisfy the requirement of this paragraph b.

c. Club Service - The applicant must have performed a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer service for the Miami Figure Skating Club during the skating season in which the application is made.

d. Testing – For the skating season in which the application is made, the applicant must be actively training on the skating tests (Moves-in-the-Field, Freeskating, Pairs, or Dance) for or above the level of the applicant's competition level. Skaters who have passed the Senior level tests are exempt from the requirement in this paragraph.

How to apply - The applicant must submit a completed application form to the club President which will include an essay by the applicant, together with all supporting materials including all competition and test results and related materials the Scholarship Committee (whose composition is outlined below) may require. **The deadline for the Committee to receive a completed application and materials for the 2018-19 skating season is May 17, 2019;** the deadline will not be extended and no application will be considered until the form is completed and all results and other materials are received by the Committee. All applications must be emailed to the club President, Kristina Suengas, at elsiokristina@comcast.net for receipt by the application deadline. An applicant may apply only once per skating season but may apply in successive seasons.

Determining Scholarship Recipients - The Scholarship Committee is comprised of: (i) the Miami Figure Skating Club Board of Governors; (ii) the Kendall Ice Arena Skating Director; and (iii) a club member appointed by the President. After reviewing the timely applications from applicants who meet the qualifications described above, the Committee will, in its sole discretion, determine the number of recipients for that skating season (if any), and the dollar amount of any award(s). Committee members whose family members or students apply for a Scholarship shall recuse themselves from reviewing and voting upon such applicants' applications.

Distribution and Use of Funds - The Scholarship funds will be issued under the name of the skater (in the form of reimbursement as described below) and designated to be used only for competition, training and related skating expenses incurred during the following skating season such as ice time, coaching, costumes, skates, and any other such skating-related expenses which the Committee may determine in its sole discretion. These skating-related expenses must be submitted to the Committee together with all receipts and other substantiating documentation which the Committee may require before any Scholarship funds will be distributed.

Annual Miami FSC Awards Banquet – Scholarship winner(s), if any, will be announced at the annual Miami FSC Banquet.