

# U.S. FIGURE SKATING ATHLETE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

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## MEMORIAL FUND SUPPORT

The Memorial Fund supports three financial aid programs that allow qualified U.S. Figure skating members to pursue their goals: the Competitive Skaters Assistance Program (CSAP), the Academic Scholarship Program (ASP), and the RISE Youth Essay Contest. *Applications for all Memorial Fund programs are posted June 1 of each year and are due the following September.*

## COMPETITIVE SKATERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CSAP)

Awards are intended to help athletes cover skating-related expenses like coaching fees, choreography, costumes, ice time, etc.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Skaters who are currently competing and have:

- Placed sixth or higher at the Sectional Championships
- OR placed sixth or higher at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the juvenile or intermediate level.
- Received a "bye" to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

*This program is not open to synchronized skaters.*

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (ASP)

Awards are intended to defray the costs of post-secondary education.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Current OR Former skaters who:

- Have competed at the Sectional Championships in singles, pairs, or ice dancing.
- Have competed at the Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships at the senior or collegiate level.
- Carry at least 6 credit hours (undergraduate) OR 3 credit hours (graduate) per semester AND have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Former skaters must be currently participating in the sport of figure
- skating as coaches, judges, volunteers, etc.

## RISE YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

Designed to provide younger members of U.S. Figure Skating with an opportunity to connect with the history of American figure skating and share their personal reflections on the sport and the movie RISE.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Current U.S. Figure Skating members who:

- Are competing at the pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile, or juvenile level.
- Are not yet eligible for CSAP or ASP support (i.e. have not yet placed sixth or higher at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships).

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## U.S. FIGURE SKATING SCHOLASTIC HONORS TEAM

The Scholastic Honors Team recognizes high school-age skaters who have excelled in skating, high school academics and community activities.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Skaters entering their junior or senior year of high school who:

- Are current members of U.S. Figure Skating competing in singles, pairs, ice dancing, or synchronized skating.
- Are, and have been, full-time students enrolled at a fully accredited secondary school for the past two academic years.
- Have maintained at least a 3.4 GPA (4.0 scale) or 93% (100% scale) for the past two academic years.
- Have competed in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition at the novice level or higher in the past two seasons. Applicants for the Scholastic Honors Team must have competed at novice or higher during the last two seasons.

The Scholastic Honors Team application is posted on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) on June 1 of each year. Applications are due the following September.

## JOYCE KOMPERDA ATHLETE SUPPORT FUND

The Joyce Komperda Athlete Support Fund provides assistance to young skaters who demonstrate a love of figure skating and financial need.

This program is not open to synchronized skaters.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Skaters at the intermediate, novice or junior levels competing in singles, pairs, or ice dancing.

The Joyce Komperda Athlete Support Fund application is posted on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) on June 1 of each year. Applications are due the following August.

## HELEN M. MCLORAIN FIGURE SKATING SCHOLARSHIP

The Helen M. McLoraine Figure Skating Scholarship program assists current and former skaters pursuing a college degree.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Current high school seniors or college undergraduates who:

- Will enroll in full-time undergraduate study for the entire upcoming academic year
- Have competed in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition at the novice level or higher during their skating career.

The Helen M. McLoraine Figure Skating Scholarship application is linked on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org). Applications are accepted between December and February each season. Selection criteria is available at [www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/pioneerfund](http://www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/pioneerfund).\*

\*Note: The Helen M. McLoraine Figure Skating Scholarship is administered by the Pioneer Fund. U.S. Figure Skating neither administers this program nor participates in the selection process. More information is available at [www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/pioneerfund](http://www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/pioneerfund). *This program is not open to synchronized skaters.*

## BUCH FAMILY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Buch Family Academic Scholarship assists current skaters pursuing a college degree

**ELIGIBILITY:** Current high school seniors or college undergraduate and graduate students who:

- Are active amateur singles, pairs or ice dance skater and current members of U.S. Figure Skating.
- Are enrolled in a full-time undergraduate or graduate program for the entire upcoming academic year.
- Has maintained at least a 3.4 GPA during the last two academic years.
- Has competed in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition at the novice level or higher during the past two competitive seasons or equivalent.
- Demonstrates Financial need.

The Buch Family Academic Scholarship application is posted on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) on June 1 of each year. Applications are due the following September.

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