



**GUIDE TO**

**SKATE CANADA:  
ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT**

**ATHLETE FUNDING  
PROGRAM**

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# Athlete Funding

## Program Overview

This guide provides all members of Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section (the “Section”), parents and administrators with an overview of the Athlete Funding Program. This program is effective as of April 1, 2019.

The Section is committed to supporting the development of figure skating within Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut by providing financial support when available to athletes who have demonstrated success by meeting the funding eligibility standards.

The Section acknowledges the financial support of the Alberta Sport Connection as well as the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation.

All funding categories are reviewed by the Athlete Funding Working Group, which is a sub-set of the Athlete Development Committee.

**All funding assistance is dependent on available funds.**

Funding categories:

- Evolution Competition Funding
- Excel Funding
- Next Gen Funding
- Gold, Silver, Bronze Funding
- Discretionary Funding
- Jump Scholarship Funding

## Overall Eligibility

Funding is determined based on the athlete’s successful performances at Skate Canada Challenge and Canadian Tire National Skating Championships.

Athletes who are Skate Canada National Team members are only eligible for Excel funding.

**Singles Competitors:** Athletes eligible for funding must be registered with a Section club and represent the Section.

**Pair and Dance Competitors:** One or both athletes eligible for funding must be registered with a Section club and the team must represent the Section. Should a partnership dissolve, each partner will only be eligible for funding if they continue to compete with a new partner and represent the Section the following season. The following guidelines will also apply:

- Each continuing partner will receive half of the team’s allocated funding.
- No funds will be allocated if either partner continues and does **not** represent the Section.

Athletes who receive funding are encouraged to send a letter of appreciation to the Alberta Sport Connection and the Section.

# Evolution Competition Funding

## Eligibility

This funding is intended to support eligible athletes within the Train to Compete and Learn to Win stages of development and is open to athletes on the Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section Select Team.

Funding must be used to support participation in one or more of the following:

- a sanctioned international event
- Summer Series event (excluding Wild Rose Competition)
- a spring or fall competition outside of the Section
- selection for recognized Skate Canada High Performance opportunities

## Timeline

Applications must be submitted to the Working Group for review by the following dates:

- June 30, 2019
- August 31, 2019
- January 31, 2020

After each review period, successful applicants will be notified and funds disbursed.

## Application Review Process

- Applicants must submit an online application for funding consideration by the stated deadline
- Separate applications must be submitted for each review period
- Coaches must complete athlete competition goals as part of the application
- <http://skateabnwtun.ca/athletes/athlete-funding/>

## Excel Funding

### Eligibility

Section athletes who compete at any of the following events may be awarded funding upon recommendation of the Athlete Funding Working Group:

- ISU Junior Grand Prix Events & Final
- ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships
- ISU Grand Prix Events & Final
- ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Olympic Winter Games
- ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships
- Special Olympics World Championships
- World University Games
- Other International Events

### Timeline

The Working Group will review for potential awards as assignments and qualification to events are achieved.

### Funding Review Process

No application needs to be submitted to receive this funding. Assignments are communicated to the Section by Skate Canada.

## Next Gen Funding

### Eligibility

Section athletes who have been identified to participate in competitions or camps as Next Gen may be awarded funding upon recommendation of the Athlete Funding Working Group.

### Timeline

The Working Group will review for potential awards as assignments to events and selection for camps are achieved.

### Funding Review Process

No application needs to be submitted to receive this funding. Assignments and selections are communicated to the Section by Skate Canada.

# Gold, Silver and Bronze Funding

## Eligibility

This funding is intended to reward skaters and teams for their achievements in the past season. Funding will be allocated to athletes in Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories as follows:

- **Pre-Novice** singles, pair and dance athletes who qualify to compete at Skate Canada Challenge of the current competitive season.
  - **Singles**
    - **Gold** – Placement - in the top 5 of the event
    - **Silver** – Placement - 6-10 of the event
    - **Bronze** – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the event
  - **Pair and Dance**
    - **Gold** – Placement - 1-3 of the event
    - **Silver** – Placement - 4-6 of the event (must be in the top half of the event)
    - **Bronze** – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the events
- **Novice, Junior, and Senior** singles, pair and dance athletes who qualify to compete at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships of the current competitive season.
  - **Singles and Dance**
    - **Gold** – Placement - Top third of the event
    - **Silver** – Placement - Middle third of the event
    - **Bronze** – Placement – Bottom third of the event
  - **Pair**
    - **Gold** – Placement - 1-3 of the event
    - **Silver** – Placement - 4-6 of the event (must be in the top half of the event)
    - **Bronze** – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the event

Entry fees to the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships may be covered. Bonuses for medal placements may be awarded at the discretion of the Athlete Funding Working Group

- **Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior, and Senior** Synchronized Skating Teams who compete at the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships of the current competitive season and have met the placement requirements.
  - ⊖ **Gold** – Placement - 1-3 of the event
  - ⊖ **Silver** – Placement - 4-6 of the event (must be in the top half of the event)
  - ⊖ **Bronze** – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the event

## Timeline

Gold, Silver and Bronze funding will be disbursed in February/March of each competition season.

## Funding Review Process

No application needs to be submitted for this funding. Funding will be disbursed following based on standings from Skate Canada Challenge, Canadian Tire National Skating Championships and Synchronized Skating Championships.

## Discretionary Funding

### Eligibility

This funding is available to athletes who may be experiencing financial need. Applicants may submit funding requests for a specific need and must include a budget as part of the application including a brief description of the financial barriers.

Applications from athletes new to the Section, athletes returning to compete for the Section or newly formed Pair and Dance teams (approved by the Working Group) may also be considered.

Illness or injury that prevents a qualified athlete from competing at the Skate Canada Challenge will be taken into consideration.

### Timeline

Applications must be submitted to the Working Group for review by the following dates:

- June 30, 2019
- August 31, 2019
- January 31, 2020

After each review period, successful applicants will be notified and funds disbursed.

### Application Review Process

- Applicants must complete an online submission
- Athletes may submit one application per competition year. In exceptional circumstances, an additional application may be considered.
- Submission will include a budget detailing funds being requested and a brief description of the financial barriers
- Coaches must complete athlete competition goals as part of the application
- <http://skateabnwtun.ca/athletes/athlete-funding/>

## Jump Scholarship Funding

The Jump Scholarship funding is designed to reward skaters for successfully completing difficult jumps in competition.

### Eligibility

This program applies to competitive categories in the following Leading Edge Series Competitions: Sunsational, Wild Rose, Fall Invitational, Sectional Championships, Calgary Winter Invitational.

### Timeline

The Jump Scholarship Program will be calculated from April 1 in one calendar year to March 31 in the next calendar year. Eg. April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020.

### Funding Review Process

The successful elements will be submitted to the Working Group following each competition. A running report will be kept and the total scholarship calculated by March 31.

To qualify for a scholarship, the element must be completed on one foot. If the element has one of the following mistakes, the skater will not be eligible for the scholarship:

- << downgraded
- < under-rotated
- negative GOE total value
- the skater falls on the element

The scholarships are awarded based on the age of the skater performing the elements rather than on the skater's competitive category. Skaters age will be calculated as of July 1 of the current Skate Canada season.

A skater will receive the first-time award after successfully completing the jump element in competition for the first time. After first completion, the skater will receive a small award for the second successful completion. No awards are given after two successful completions. The first and second completion must be accomplished in the same season (April 1-March 31).

The charts below indicate the elements awarded for each age category.

Category	2A 1 <sup>st</sup> time	2A	3T 1 <sup>st</sup> time	3T	3S 1 <sup>st</sup> time	3S	3Lo 1 <sup>st</sup> time	3Lo	3F 1 <sup>st</sup> time	3F
Under 11	\$300	\$25	\$400	\$25	\$400	\$25	\$500	\$50	\$500	\$50
Under 12	\$250	\$25	\$350	\$25	\$350	\$25	\$450	\$25	\$450	\$25
Under 14	\$150	\$25	\$250	\$25	\$250	\$25	\$350	\$25	\$350	\$25
Under 16			\$150	\$25	\$150	\$25	\$300	\$25	\$300	\$25
Under 19							\$250	\$25	\$250	\$25
Over 19 Women									\$200	\$25
Over 19 Men										

Category	3Lz 1 <sup>st</sup> time	3Lz	3A 1 <sup>st</sup> time	3A	Quad 1 <sup>st</sup> time	Quad	Triple-Triple 1 <sup>st</sup> time	Triple-Triple
Under 11	\$600	\$50						
Under 12	\$550	\$50						
Under 14	\$450	\$25	\$800	\$50	\$1000	\$100	\$700	\$100
Under 16	\$400	\$25	\$700	\$50	\$800	\$100	\$600	\$100
Under 19	\$300	\$25	\$600	\$50	\$800	\$100	\$500	\$100
Over 19 Women	\$250	\$25	\$500	\$50	\$600	\$50	\$400	\$50
Over 19 Men			\$500	\$50	\$600	\$50	\$300	\$50