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**GUIDE TO
HIGH PERFORMANCE 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 High Performance Athlete Funding Program.

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.

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

The Section acknowledges the financial support of the Ministry of Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Alberta Culture Multiculturalism and the Status of Women as well as the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation.

All funding assistance is dependent on available funds.

Funding categories:

Support

- Discretionary Funding
- Train to Compete/Train to Win Enrichment

Achievement

- Gold, Silver, Bronze Funding
- Jump Scholarship Funding

Skate Canada Assignment Funding

- International Event Funding
- Next Gen 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 Skate Canada Assignment 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 Skate AB | NT | NU Section and to the Ministry of Tourism and Sport, Sport Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) as well as the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation.

Support

Purpose: This funding is meant to support athletes by meeting financial needs where required and by supporting value added training opportunities.

Application Timeline

The Athlete Funding Program Working Group meets bi-monthly to consider applications.

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

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.

Application Review Process

- Eligible applicants must complete an online submission located at <https://skateabnwtun.ca/athletes/athlete-funding>
- Submission must include a budget detailing funds being requested and a brief description of the financial barriers facing the athlete.

Train to Compete/Train to Win Enrichment

Eligibility

This funding is intended to support eligible athletes within the Train to Compete and Train 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
- a spring, summer, or fall competition event located outside of the Section
- selection for recognized Skate Canada High Performance opportunities

Application Review Process

- Applicants must submit an online application located at <https://skateabnwnun.ca/athletes/athlete-funding>
- Athlete must submit a copy of their Yearly Training Program developed with their coach for the current skating season

Achievement Funding

Purpose: This funding is to reward the successful outcomes in their individual jump accomplishments and placements at national events that require qualifying: Skate Canada Jr/Sr Challenge, Canadian National Skating Championships, Skate Canada Trophy, and Skate Canada Cup.

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:

- **Novice, Gold, Open, Junior, and Senior and Elite 12** Synchronized Skating Teams who compete at the Canadian National Skating Championships and Skate Canada Cup 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
- **Pre-Novice** singles, pair and dance athletes who qualify to compete at Skate Canada Trophy 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 National Skating Championships or Skate Canada Trophy 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

** If funding is available, entry fees to the Canadian National Skating Championships may be covered.

** Bonuses for medal placements may be awarded at the discretion of the Athlete Funding Working Group

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 standings from Skate Canada Jr/Sr Challenge, Canadian National Skating Championships, Skate Canada Trophy, and Skate Canada Cup.

Jump Scholarship Funding

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

Timeline

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

Eligibility

This program automatically applies to competitive categories in the following Leading Edge Series Competitions:

- Sunsational
- Wild Rose
- Fall Invitational
- Skate Canada AB|NT|NU Sectional Championships
- Calgary Winter Invitational

For the following events, skater detail sheets must be submitted by the athlete within one month of the conclusion of the event:

- Alberta Winter Games
- Arctic Winter Games
- Canada Winter Games
- Skate Canada Trophy
- Skate Canada Jr/Sr Challenge
- Canadian National Skating Championships
- ISU International event

Proof of successful completion of the jump(s) must be submitted at link located at <https://skateabnwnun.ca/athletes/athlete-funding>

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 15.

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. Skater 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 st time	2A	3T 1 st time	3T	3S 1 st time	3S	3Lo 1 st time	3Lo	3F 1 st 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
19 and Over Women									\$200	\$25
19 and Over Men										

Category	3Lz 1 st time	3Lz	3A 1 st time	3A	Quad 1 st time	Quad	Triple-Triple 1 st 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
19 and Over Women	\$250	\$25	\$500	\$50	\$600	\$50	\$400	\$50
19 and Over Men			\$500	\$50	\$600	\$50	\$300	\$50

Skate Canada Assignment Funding

Purpose: This funding is meant for athletes who have earned or been assigned by Skate Canada to specific events or designated athlete category.

International Event 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 (Challenger Series)

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.