

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

**ENDOWMENT FUND  
PROGRAM**



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# Endowment Fund Overview

## Program Overview

This guide provides all members of Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section (the “Section”), parents and administrators with an overview of the Endowment Fund Program.

The purpose of this fund is to provide further assistance and reward excellence to an athlete, team’s, or official’s pursuit of excellence in figure skating. The awards/scholarships are directed to the National/International, Sectional, and Officials within our Section.

## Overall Eligibility

To be eligible for the Awards/scholarships, the candidates must be members of the Skate Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section in good standing.

Single athletes, dance teams, pair teams, and Synchronized teams are eligible for the Sectional and International Scholarships. If awarded to a dance, pair, or Synchronized team the award amount will remain the same and be divided by the recipient team at their discretion.

All endowment fund categories are reviewed and awarded by the Endowment Fund Trustees, comprising of the following members:

- Section Technical Director
- Athlete Funding Working Group Lead
- (1) Official at Large (Canadian Level or higher)

Endowment Scholarships are provided in three (3) categories:

- Barbara Graham International Award
- Sectional Legacy Scholarship
- John Vipond Official’s Scholarship

## Application/Nominations

All applications or nominations will be submitted online and must be received by March 1 of the current year.

## Barbara Graham International Award

One (1) award of \$2,500 may be awarded annually.



Barbara Graham was a leader in our sport and a great believer in helping athletes develop to their fullest potential. She worked with local to International skaters in achieving their dreams. In 2003, Barbara was inducted into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame in the Builder category. She ended her career as the Technical Director of the Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section offering advice to athletes in the pursuit of excellence in skating.

The Barbara Graham International Scholarship is given to an athlete or team who has reached greatness at the Provincial and National level and is focused on achieving excellence at the International level. The athlete or athletes represent the best in sportsmanship, dedication to their sport, and are role models for all skaters.

### Nomination Process

- Nomination forms must be received by March 1 of the current year
- Nominations must also include:
  - Letter of support from Coach/Mentor

## Sectional Legacy Scholarship

One (1) scholarship of \$1,200 may be awarded annually.

Given to an athlete/team who has achieved success over several competitive seasons. This athlete/team, through their body of work, demonstrates a dedication to the sport, works hard to perfect their skill and has represented their club proudly within the Section.

### Application Process

- Application forms must be received by March 1 of the current year
- Applications must also include:
  - Letter of support from Coach/Mentor

## **“John Vipond” Official’s Scholarship**

One (1) scholarship of \$1,000 may be awarded annually.

John Vipond was an active volunteer and official in our Section. He mentored many officials and served on the Boards of both his local Club and the Section Executive. He was a man who believed wholeheartedly in figure skating and its worth. His encouragement to continue a connection to skating through officiating was invaluable in the development of new officials.

The John Vipond Official’s Scholarship is given to an official who is striving towards becoming an accomplished official. The official will be an established official who needs assistance in reaching a higher level through experience or training opportunities and is attending a post-secondary institution while working on achieving this goal.

### **Application Process**

- Application forms must be received by March 1 of the current year
- Applications should include letters of support