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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 Tourism and Sport and the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation.

All funding assistance is dependent on available funds.

Funding categories:

Support

- Discretionary Funding
- Train to Compete/Learn 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, Skate Canada Trophy, Skate Canada Cup, and Canadian 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. Each partner will receive half of the team’s allocated funding.

Athletes who receive funding are encouraged to send a letter of appreciation to the Skate AB | NT | NU Section, the Ministry of Tourism and Sport, 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 quarterly to consider applications.

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

A) Discretionary Funding

Eligibility

This funding is available to athletes who may be experiencing financial need. Applicants may submit funding requests 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 Skate Canada Challenge, Skate Canada Trophy, Skate Canada Cup, and Canadian National Skating Championships will still be considered for funding.

Application Review Process

- Eligible applicants must complete an online submission located [HERE](#)
- Submission must include a budget which details funds being requested and a brief description of the financial barriers facing the athlete.

B) Train to Compete/Learn to Win Enrichment

Eligibility

This funding is intended to support eligible athletes within the Train to Compete and Learn to Win stages of development and is only open to athletes on the AB | NT | NU 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 [HERE](#)

Achievement Funding

Purpose: This funding rewards athletes' placements at national events that require qualifying: Skate Canada Challenge, Canadian National Skating Championships, Skate Canada Trophy, Skate Canada Cup and individual jump accomplishments.

A) 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, Senior and Synchro** 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 Ice 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
 - **Solo 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 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 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 Challenge, Canadian National Skating Championships, Skate Canada Trophy, and Skate Canada Cup.

B) 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 Challenge
- Canadian National Skating Championships
- ISU International event

Proof of successful completion of the jump(s) must be submitted [HERE](#)

Funding Review Process

The successful elements will be submitted by data specialists 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 cannot include any of the following:

- << downgraded
- < under-rotated
- negative GOE total value
- fall 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 been assigned by Skate Canada to specific events or designated as a NextGen athlete.

A) 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 Games
- World University Games
- Other International Events

Timeline

The Athlete Funding Working Group will review potential awards as events are assigned.

Funding Review Process

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

B) NextGen Funding

Eligibility

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

Timeline

The Athlete Funding Working Group will review potential awards as events are assigned.

Funding Review Process

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