

Ice Skating Scholarships

Kingsgate Skating Club



"You get what you focus on, so focus on what you want."

For the vast majority of us, we can only get better on something if we focus on it and practice. This is why scholarships are such an important part of learning. They give you the opportunity to focus more on what you really want to do.

If you are interested in finding scholarships to enhance your career, the first place to look is the US Figure Skating Website:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/scholarships-and-funding/scholarships-awards-and-grants>

Many scholarships have application deadlines during the Summer.

It is never too early to start thinking about scholarships and start preparing.

Many scholarships require specific levels attained and years of experience. Looking for these requirements early (i.e. years ahead) will help you prepare before you apply. Also, well written essays require much thought and purpose. An early start on these essays, with many revisions will make your best application packet.

Note about written essays:

You can spend 8 hours writing an essay the day it is due with many revision during that time, but that essay will never be as good as one that you spent 30 minutes at a time spread over 16 writing sessions over a couple weeks (or months). The key here is that your brain keeps thinking about your essay, and you can make better revisions over a longer time.

Tips on looking for scholarships:

- 1) There are many scholarships available, with a wide range of award amounts.
- 2) The higher award amounts will be more popular and more competitive
- 3) The smaller award amounts are often easier to find and win
- 4) Many scholarships have requirements for application.
- 5) Some requirements are "absolute" requirements. Some are flexible. It often helps to touch base with the contact person for the scholarship committee.
- 6) If the scholarship requires proof of financial need, then you will need to submit tax information (yourself or your parents if you are a dependent). Don't let this deter you if you are willing to spend the extra time to fill out the extra forms.

SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Scholarships open June 1, 2021 and close Aug. 31, 2021

Memorial Fund
Competitive Skaters Assistance Program
Academic Scholarship Program
RISE Youth Essay Contest
Buch Family Academic Scholarship
DREAM Scholarship for Synchronized Skaters
Joyce Komperda Athlete Support Fund
Scholastic Honors Team
Elaine Theisen Fund
The Mabel Fairbanks Skatingly Yours Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY

Scott Hamilton Skaters Education Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN MARCH THROUGH MAY

Scholarships open March 24, 2021 and close May 14, 2021

World Team College Scholarship Program

Here is a good website for information:

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/athletic-ability/figure-skating>

Figure Skating Scholarships

Scholarship Title	Amount	Due Date
Buch Family Academic Scholarship	Varies	08/31/2021
FMC Ice Sports Skaters Scholarship	Varies	05/01/2022
Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Program	\$20,000	01/08/2022
Gator Bowl Charities Award of Excellence Scholarship	\$2,500	Varies
Helen McLoraine Figure Skating Scholarship Program	Varies	Varies
Joyce Komperda Athlete Support Fund	Varies	08/31/2021

College Specific Scholarships

Go to this site to look for colleges with strength in figure skating, then apply for any scholarships specific to any of these colleges you are interested in:

<https://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/colleges-with-strength-in-figure-skating/523/>

Another website with good information:

<https://usfigureskatingfanzone.com/news/2021/4/9/collegiate-skating-scholarships-for-skating-and-academics.aspx>

Marissa Sumathipala is a 2020-21 Collegiate Ambassador and a member of the Harvard University intercollegiate figure skating team.

In addition to scholarships for skating, there are numerous scholarships awarded for academics, public service, research, underrepresented identities and financial need. Here are a few well-known ones:

1. Coca Cola Scholarship

Who's eligible: Graduating high school seniors

Requirements: Demonstrated commitment to leadership and public service

Amount: \$20,000

2. The Gates Scholarship

Who's eligible: High school seniors of a minority identity from low income households

Requirements: GPA above 3.3, strong academic record, demonstrated leadership

Amount: Full ride

3. Regeneron Science Talent Search

Who's eligible: Graduating high school seniors who have done science/engineering research

Requirements: Report describing original, independent research

Amount: \$25,000-\$250,000

4. Bryan Cameron Scholarship

Who's eligible: High school seniors

Requirements: GPA over 3.7, demonstrated leadership and community service

Amount: Full ride

5. Davidson Fellows Scholarship

Who's eligible: Any high school student 18 or younger

Requirements: Completed a significant piece of work in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), humanities (music, literature, philosophy) and outside the box (any project that is project that is university graduate-level work or comparable and completed with the supervision of an expert or experts)

Amount: \$10,000-\$50,000

These scholarships are just a few examples of the many that are out there. The website FinAid has helpful guides to navigating scholarships, grants, loans and financial aid. There are also scholarship search engines like Scholly, Peerlift, Fastweb, and Going Merry that help with finding scholarships you're eligible for and streamlining the application process. Lastly, there may be local scholarships that are less competitive than the national ones, so reach out to your school's counselor or career adviser to get a list of scholarships you'd be eligible for.

Looking for a college with strong figure skating support?

Checkout this Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/collegiateskating/>

Also, you can look here with an update list of college programs and contact information:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/skating-opportunities/collegiate-skating>