

OFSC Skater Grant/Scholarship Policy

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Participating in an OFSC sanctioned fundraiser is a privilege provided by the club. The following information is provided for the skater so that they know what they can expect from fundraising and how they can benefit from that participation. OFSC reserves the right to discontinue any fundraising activity at any time without cause or notice. In order to receive funds the skater or guardian must sign this form indicating that they understand and accept all of the following:

1. When a skater (must be an active member of OFSC to participate) has participated in an OFSC sanctioned fundraiser that skater has a right to apply for OFSC's Skater Grant/Scholarship program to help pay for skating expenses.
2. When a skater wants to apply for a grant or scholarship they can do so for specified categories only: Skates, Blades, OFSC Dues, Traditional Skating Apparel, Christmas Show expenses, Skating Camp fees, PSA Coaching fees, test session fees, Competition Fees, and other fees that must be approved by the board.
3. A skater may not apply for more money than they have contributed from OFSC sponsored fundraising events.
4. OFSC will not advance any money for purchases or expenses. Money must have been received for fundraisers BEFORE the grant/scholarship is applied for. To apply for a grant or scholarship a receipt must be turned in with this for completed and signed.
5. Skaters must be active OFSC members to receive a grant or scholarship.
6. A skater must have participated in an OFSC sanctioned fundraiser within that fiscal year to be eligible for a grant or scholarship.
7. Skaters will be notified on the 15th of every month of their contribution summary to the fundraising effort and what their eligible grant/scholarship amount is. This will be done in writing.
8. If a question arises outside of that time frame, a skater or guardian may submit a written request to inquire about their contribution summary. The turnaround time for this is one week.
9. If a skater(s) lets their membership expire they have until June 30th of the same year to apply for a grant/scholarship. Grants/scholarships will be granted for skating expenses only and not cash.
10. If a skater decides to return to the club after the fiscal year has passed they are not eligible to apply for a grant/scholarship until they have participated in an OFSC sponsored fundraiser for that year.
11. While the OFSC is affording this opportunity for the skater there are still operating expenses that must be considered as well. A skater is eligible to earn as much as 75% of the funds that they fundraise in the form of a grant or scholarship.
12. Please keep in mind that just because a board member is at the rink does not mean that they are there to look up account amounts or write checks. We are all involved in skating in some other form than the board, and need to be allowed to participate without being pulled of the ice or constantly interrupted. These rules are in place for a standardized, streamline process process.
13. Requests will be picked up on Wednesday mornings and will have checks cut the following Wednesday (With the exception of a holiday week).
14. When fundraising at a specific event (e.g. Concession Stand), workers must arrive on time and stay until dismissed. They must dress as specified by the fundraising chairperson and take direction from the stand supervisor.
15. To apply for a grant, there must be a signed copy of this form on file and an OFSC grant/scholarship application must be completed.

By signing this form I understand the criteria for participating in and applying for OFSC grants/scholarships, and agree to abide by all rules and regulations:

Skater or Guardian _____ Date _____
(For skaters under 18: parent signature)

Print Name _____