

Ozark Figure Skating Club Scholarships Opportunities

Skaters may not receive a scholarship for 2 consecutive years; recipients must send receipts and/or expenses to the Ozark FSC Treasurer at ozarkfigureskatingclub@gmail.com where applicable.

★ Membership Scholarship, DUE APRIL 1

OFSC will sponsor one membership per year. Application materials are due by **April 1** for use for the following Membership Year: (June-May)

★ Competition/Test Session Scholarships, DUE APRIL 1

OFSC will sponsor two competition/test session entries per year. Application materials are due by **April 1** for use during the following Membership Year: (June-May)

★ Academic Scholarship, DUE APRIL 1

OFSC will honor one athlete each year with a \$500 Academic Scholarship. Deadline is **April 1**. Scholarship recipient will be selected in 2024 and awarded for use during the 2024-2025 academic year.

★ NEW! Christmas Show Group Participant Scholarship, DUE AUTUMN 2025

OFSC will sponsor the group participant fee for one current Jones Center Learn to Skate participant and one current Ozark Figure Skating Club member. **MORE INFO TO COME SOON!**

CURRENTLY OFFERED SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ❖ Due **April 1** for use during the following membership year (June-May).
 - ❖ OFSC will offer one membership scholarship per year, for any level of membership.
 - ❖ All parts of the application must be turned in together in the OFSC box in the back hallway.
 - ❖ Expectations and requirements:
 - Be an active member of our skating program in classes, seminars, practices, events, testing, competitions, shows, or exhibitions.
 - Be a positive representative of the club at home and away following the rules of ice etiquette, sportsmanship, leadership, etc.
 - Submit a brief statement of 500 words or less on why you are applying for the scholarship and what you do to represent OFSC. What do you plan to use the scholarship for? How will the scholarship benefit your skating? How will you represent the club?
 - Character recommendation from a coach or teacher, not a relative.
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COMPETITION AND TEST SESSION SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ❖ Due **April 1** for use during the following membership year (June-May).
- ❖ OFSC will sponsor up to four competition/test session entries per year.
- ❖ The scholarship funds will pay for the first event or test, up to \$520 per year
- ❖ If the skater does not use the scholarship within the following membership year, they forfeit the funds and will not be eligible to receive scholarships for the next year.
- ❖ Expectations and requirements:
 - Be an eligible skater and current members of USFS or LTS and OFSC.
 - Be an active member of our skating program classes, seminars, practices, events, testing, competitions, shows, or exhibitions.

- Be a positive representative of the club at home and away following the rules of ice etiquette, sportsmanship and leadership, etc.
 - Submit a brief statement of 500 words or less on why you are applying for the scholarship and what you do to represent OFSC. What do you plan to use the scholarship for? How will the scholarship benefit your skating? How will you represent the club?
 - Character recommendation from a coach or teacher, not a relative.
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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP: Due April 1

❖ PURPOSE

- Our purpose is to provide financial support to an Ozark Figure Skating Club Member seeking formal accredited education beyond high school, including, but not limited to, typical 4-year colleges, community colleges, and vocational training. Funds may be used to tuition, books, or supplies during one academic year.
- Funds will be paid directly to the institution

❖ AMOUNT

- The amount of Scholarship is \$500, not renewable. Changes to the scholarship amount may be made by the organization based on factors including, but not limited to, the amount of dollars available from the fund.

❖ ELIGIBILITY

- Any OFSC member in good standing graduating from high school or enrolled in an accredited university, college, vocational school, or technical school
- Completed scholarship submission packet, submitted together, and in paper form, to the OFSC box in the back hallway or the Club President or Treasurer.
- Applicants must be OFSC members in good standing for the current membership year in which the application is due.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply, regardless of grade point, test scores, ethnicity, origin, age, sex, marital status, or prospective field of study.

❖ SELECTION CRITERIA

- The criteria for selection of the scholarship is determined by the OFSC Scholarship committee. Consideration will be given to the application, recommendation form, written essay, student goals, volunteer, work, and extracurricular activities.

❖ DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the academic institution after the club treasurer receives a copy of the student's bill.

❖ SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION PACKET INFORMATION

- All packets should include the following items and should be turned in to the OFSC box or any board members in one packet, nothing submitted electronically will be considered.

All applications should include:

- ☐ OFSC scholarship application form
- ☐ OFSC scholarship recommendation form
- ☐ Essay: What is your major area of college interest? What is the most important educational goal you have set for yourself and what have you learned from skating that you believe will help you achieve your educational goals?

- ☐ Academic resume. This resume should include information about academics, service activities, sports, employment history, and/or clubs
- ☐ Official transcript showing 7 semester high school GPA or most current technical school, college, or university transcript

For applicants who are applying prior to high school graduation (incoming freshman):

- ☐ ACT/SAT score report
- ☐ Acceptance letter to technical school, college or university
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a current teacher or school official

CHRISTMAS SHOW GROUP PARTICIPANT SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ❖ Christmas Show Group Scholarship Application Deadline will be in Autumn, after a time commitment schedule for group practice is available. It will be *before* the group form deadline and in advance of a Board Meeting in order to vote on recipients.
- ❖ All parts of the application must be turned in electronically in order to be considered..
- ❖ If the recipient does not use the scholarship for the upcoming Christmas Show within the membership year they applied, they forfeit the scholarship offered. If they accept the scholarship and then drop from the group number after practices have started, they will not be eligible to receive any available scholarships for the next year.
- ❖ Expectations and requirements:
 - Eligibility
 - First Scholarship: Be an eligible skater and current member in good standing of Ozark Figure Skating Club and USFSA/ LTS USA
 - Second Scholarship: Be an eligible skater and actively participating in Learn to Skate group classes at The Jones Center
 - Be a positive representative of the club following the rules of ice etiquette, sportsmanship and leadership, etc.
 - Submit a brief statement of 500 words or less on why you are applying for the scholarship and what you do to represent Ozark FSC. How will the scholarship benefit your skating? How will you represent the club?
 - Character recommendation from a Learn to Skate Coach, Private Lesson Coach, or a teacher (not a relative).