



Supporting Minnesota Skater Athletes since 1991

2024 HARRIS COLLINS AWARDS

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The Harris Collins Awards help Skater Athletes whose Home Club is in Minnesota and who are motivated, show promise and love skating, but need financial assistance to continue in our sport. Skater Athletes who fit these guidelines and plan to continue to skate are encouraged to apply for Awards. The Awards are intended to reimburse direct expenses incurred for figure skating education and skill development.

Please read the Application qualification requirements carefully. The qualification requirements are:

- Be a USFS member and be an USFS eligible Skater Athlete,
- Be recommended by an official from Applicant's Minnesota Home Club and be in good standing with that Club;
- Have financial need (with complete supporting data shown on the confidential Application),
- **Have passed the USFS Pre-Silver Singles, Bronze Dance, or Pre-Silver Pairs Test by September 1, 2023;**
- Have competed in a 2023 Championship Series competition; and
- Have the completed Application postmarked and mailed to Minnesota Skating Scholarship by March 15, 2024.

We look forward to considering your Application and being able to further support Minnesota Skater Athletes. For further information, please send an email to MNSkatingScholarshipFund@gmail.com. The 2024 Harris Collins Award Application is attached and is also posted on our website: <https://www.minnesotaskatingscholarshipfund.org/scholarships>.

Sincerely,

Vanessa J. Szalapski

President,
Minnesota Skating Scholarship Fund

* Race, color, creed, sex, religion, and ethnic background are not considered in the selection of recipients. The selection of recipients is made by the Minnesota Skating Scholarship Board of Directors, and the Scholarships are administered through the Minnesota Skating Scholarship Office. Awards are for one year only, but Applicants may reapply in subsequent years.

**MINNESOTA SKATING SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS A 501(c)(3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
WE APPRECIATE DONATIONS TO SUPPORT MINNESOTA SKATER ATHLETES**



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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

1. Application must be postmarked on or before the deadline of March 15, 2024.
2. Application must be filled out completely and legibly to be accepted. Please type or use a pen with dark ink; do not use a pencil.
3. Completion of Part II (Financial Information) must include copies of pages 1 and 2 from Tax Form 1040 most recently filed by Applicant or Applicant's parent[s] or guardian. **Before mailing, please blackout all social security, account, and any routing numbers on the form.**
4. Application must be signed by either Applicant and/or parent[s]/guardian[s] if they are providing financial support to the Applicant. Applicant should sign alone if over 18 years of age and the sole supporter of his/her expenses.
5. A letter of recommendation from Applicant's coach.
6. Future Skating Plans (must be completed by Applicant).
7. A Minnesota Home Club Officer must send an email or a letter to Vanessa Szalapski at Szalapski.vanessa@dorsey.com attesting that Applicant is a member in good standing of Applicant's Minnesota Home Club.
8. Submit Application to:

Minnesota Skating Scholarship
c/o Vanessa J. Szalapski
6270 Ridge Rd.
Chanhassen, MN 55317

ALL APPLICATION-RELATED INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL



HARRIS COLLINS AWARD CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

Due March 15, 2024

SKATER ATHLETE: Send completed Application to Minnesota Skating Scholarship, c/o Vanessa Szalapski, 6270 Ridge Rd., Chanhassen, MN 55317

PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name _____ Age _____

LAST

FIRST

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number () _____ US Figure Skating # _____

Current Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number () _____ Email address _____

Minnesota Home Club Affiliation _____ Year Joined _____

Applicants Home Club President, Treasurer, or Club Officer must send an email to MNSkatingScholarshipFund@gmail.com attesting that the Applicant is a member in good standing of the Club.

Are you an eligible person in figure skating as defined by the USFS? _____ Yes _____ No

Highest US Figure Skating Test Passed: Singles _____ Pair _____ Dance _____ Date of last test passed: _____

PART II: QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE RECORD

Name of partner (if applicable) _____

Note: It is not necessary to submit non-qualifying competition results.

	2024	2023	2022
NQS		Level _____ Placement: Midwest ____ US ____	Level _____ Placement: Midwest ____ US ____
Midwestern Sectional Championships	N/A	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____
US Figure Skating Championships	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____
US Figure Skating Team Training Camp	Level _____	Level _____	Level _____
Excel National Festival		Level _____ Placement: FR ____	Level _____ Placement: FR ____

Current Skating Coach[es] _____

_____ Phone () _____

Coach[es] Email addresses _____

Name and Address of Current School, College, or University _____

Please indicate: _____ Full Time _____ Part Time Correspondence _____ Tutoring _____

Grade Point Average _____ Date of Graduation _____

PART II – FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Full Name of ___ Parent or ___ Guardian _____

Home Address – Parent or Guardian _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number () _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Occupation _____

Employer _____

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Employer _____

What were your skating expenses last year? (January 1, 2023–December 31, 2023)

Provide correct expenses for actual months skating. Number of months skating/training _____

Ice Time	\$ _____	Costumes	\$ _____
Equipment	\$ _____	Travel for Applicant	\$ _____
Coaching Fees	\$ _____	Other (explain)	\$ _____ (i.e., Competition Fees)

2. Does Applicant work to help with skating expenses? ___yes ___no
If yes, please describe type of work _____ Income earned \$ _____

3. List all Applicant's sources of skating support (if none, please indicate so).

Parents	\$ _____	Yourself	\$ _____	TCFSA stipend	\$ _____
USFS Funds	\$ _____	Trust Fund	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____ MSS
Scholarship	\$ _____	Club	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____

Taxable Income (Line 43 Form 1040) _____
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Award checks will be sent to either your coach or your club. Indicate to whom award should be sent:

Coach (for coaching fees)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Minnesota Club (for ice fees)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Do not forget to enclose a copy of Applicant's most recent Tax Return and that of Applicant's parent or guardian. Include only pages 1 and 2 of tax form #1040. This information is extremely important in deciding on the award.

CERTIFICATION

We certify that we have read this Application and that it is accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge. We agree to provide, if requested, any other documentation necessary to verify information provided in this form. We further agree to promptly notify the Minnesota Skating Scholarship of any changes in our circumstances.

Applicant

Date

Parent (or Guardian)

Parent (or Guardian)

