

Communication No. 2688

ISU DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Junior Skater Scholarship Applications 2025

The ISU is proud to support Junior Skaters through the annual Scholarship program that offers assistance to young Skaters who need financial help to move forward with the next step in their skating career. A significant number of Skaters competing at ISU Junior and Senior Events are current and past ISU Junior Scholarship holders and the 2025/26 Scholarship program will continue this investment in the future of young Skaters around the world. We look forward to receiving nominations from ISU Members for their Junior Skaters by April 18, 2025 in accordance with this Communication and Section 3.7 a) of ISU Communication No. 2310.

The Junior Skater Scholarships contribute to the Development Program goal of increasing *‘the number of ISU Members able to develop Skaters who are competitive at the international level and at the level of qualifying for ISU Events and ISU disciplines at the Olympic Winter Games’*. This goal will be kept in mind during the review of submitted applications and ISU Members which consistently have several Skaters at the highest level may like to take this into account when considering whether to submit applications.

1. Requirements

ISU Members may make ISU Scholarship applications for Junior Skaters who fulfil the following requirements:

- fall into the Junior age category, as defined in the ISU General Regulations (Rule 108)
- are participating in international competitions (including Junior Grand Prix Events for Figure Skating and Junior World Cups in Short Track and Speed Skating) and aiming to compete or already competing at ISU World Junior Championships level
- require financial support to achieve their potential

2. Scholarship amounts

Each ISU Scholarship awarded may amount to:

- Between US\$ 500 and US\$ 6'000 per individual Skater
- Between US\$ 2'000 and US\$ 7'200 per Pair/Couple
- Between US\$ 2'000 and US\$ 7'200 per Synchronized Skating Team

The number of ISU Scholarship Awards is limited by the available budget, as decided by the Council.

3. Scholarship use

Skaters may be nominated for a Scholarship to support their skating development over the next two years according to a stated plan. In such cases, an amount of up to USD 6'000 (USD 7'200 per Pair or Couple or Synchronized Skating Team) may be awarded.

Alternatively, nominations may be made for smaller amounts of support to be used for specific purposes, such as buying equipment, travelling to a seminar or camp etc. The amount awarded may only be used for the stated purpose.

Within 12 months of payment of the awarded amount, a report of the Skater(s) on the use of the Scholarship and their skating development must be submitted. Relevant invoices must be submitted with the Scholarship report

3. Application procedure

Scholarship applications may be made by ISU Members at these links:

- [Figure Skating Singles – Short Track – Speed Skating](#)
- [Pair Skating – Ice Dance](#)
- [Synchronized Skating](#)

The following information is required:

- a CV, including a summary of Skating experience
- a list of the Skater's best results / scores / times in the last 2 seasons
- a statement of why financial support is needed
- a personal statement from the Skater
- **EITHER**
a plan for the Skater(s) skating development over the next 2 years and a detailed summary of the steps to fulfil their plan and how and when it is proposed to use the financial help (e.g. course/seminar names, dates and approximate costs; travel/coaching/other needs and approximate costs)
OR
a detailed proposal for use of the Scholarship for a specific purchase (e.g. skating equipment) or expense (e.g. travel/accommodation/fees for a camp, seminar or competition)
- a letter of support from the respective ISU Member
- a summary of any previous ISU Junior Scholarship support

Each ISU Member may make a maximum of **one** application per gender for Single Skating, Short Track and Speed Skating, and **one** application per discipline for Ice Dance, Pair Skating and Synchronized Skating.

The ISU Development Commission and ISU Technical Committees may also propose Skaters for Scholarships if they see a need or may suggest to ISU Members to make applications for Skaters from their country or for specific Skaters.

4. Deadline

Applications must be received **by April 18, 2025**.

5. Review of Applications

Applications are reviewed and decided by the Development Commission, with the input and advice of the Technical Committee for each discipline, and are approved by the respective Vice President. The following factors are taken into account:

- the amount of the budget available for Junior Skater Scholarships
- the requirement for a reasonable gender balance
- the requirement for a reasonable regional / geographical balance
- the technical level of the Skater
- any previous Scholarships awarded to the Skater by the ISU or other bodies
- the completeness of the application (all required documents sent, with sufficient details provided)
- the ISU Member of the Skater and other opportunities for support within that ISU Member
- the overall number and quality of applications received for the respective discipline

ISU Members are encouraged to submit applications for Pair Skating. In Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, ISU Members are encouraged to submit applications for Women.

6. Award of Scholarships

ISU Members will be informed by the Development Program Director of ISU Scholarship awards for their Skater(s) and of any specific conditions on the use of the Scholarship.

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March 10, 2025

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