

Communication No. 2773

ISU DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Junior Skater Scholarship Applications 2026-27

The ISU is proud to support Junior Skaters through the seasonal 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 2026/27 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 May 10, 2026 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:

- Are able to compete in the Junior age category in season 2026-27, as defined in the ISU General Regulations 2024, 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 to the allocated budget.

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.

4. Application procedure

Scholarship applications may be made by ISU Members on [the Good Grants platform](#).

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 / motivational letter 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. For example, an ISU Member could apply for a maximum of one male athlete and one female athlete for Short Track plus one male athlete and one female athlete for Speed Skating. For the Figure Skating Branch, an ISU Member could apply for a maximum of one male athlete and one female athlete for Single Skating, plus one Pair for Pair Skating and one Couple for Ice Dance, as well as one Synchronized Skating team.

The ISU Development Commission and ISU Technical Committees may suggest to ISU Members to make applications for Skaters.

5. Deadline

Applications must be received **by May 10, 2026**.

6. Review of Applications

Applications are reviewed and allocated according to the following factors:

- the amount of the budget available for Junior Skater Scholarships
- the requirement for a reasonable gender and regional / geographical balance
- the technical level of the Skater and their potential for the future

- the Skater's demonstrated passion and commitment
- any previous Scholarships awarded to the Skater by the ISU or other bodies
- the completeness and quality of the application
- 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.

7. Award of Scholarships

ISU Members will be informed through Good Grants of ISU Scholarship awards for their Skater(s) and of any specific conditions on the use of the Scholarship. ISU Members are required to ensure that they have accepted to receive system notifications from the Good Grants platform in order to be notified about the outcome of their applications.

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