

# Skater Grant Overview and Guidelines



One of the many advantages of being a member in good standing with the Murray Silver Blades Figure Skating Club is that you may be eligible for a financial Grant, which could help offset your costs while you continue to grow as a skater. Grants can be awarded to Club skaters for Regional level (and above) competitions and training opportunities. Club coaches are also eligible for training grants.

The amount of grant money available each year is based on the success of the fundraising efforts from the previous skating year and the overall financial health of the Club. The Club's Board reviews and approves a budget each fall and will announce the amount of available grant funding for that year during the Fall General Membership meeting.

Applications will be reviewed during the monthly Board meeting on a first come, first served and the decision will be conveyed to the skater within 30 days of the submittal. The available funding will be distributed based on need and as fairly as possible.

- Training grants are available to skaters of all levels for local camps, clinics, and trainings
  - up to 50% of the registration fees
  - budget will be split between fall and spring
- Competition grants are available to Regionals, Sectionals, and Nationals Qualifying events
  - up to 50% of the registration fees
  - any budget dollars that are not used by Nationals will be added to the Training grants budget for the remainder of the year

## To apply for a grant:

- complete the application (available on the MSBFSC website) and submit online or to the President;
- the skater must provide a letter to the Board stating what they learned at the event;
- turn in the application within two (2) weeks of qualifying for the event.

Skaters will be eligible to apply for a grant up to two (2) times a year. For more detailed information, please refer to the Bylaws as listed on the MSBFSC website.

## Eligibility for skaters (or parents) and coaches:

- be a Full Home-Club member for at least the previous year.
- be a Full Home-Club member in good standing with the Club including:
  - submit your Club membership application on time
  - volunteering an additional 5 hours above the required 10 hours (total of 15) and have them reported to the Board.
  - Fall and Spring General Membership meeting attendance
- Perform in the Halloween or Spring Ice Show [OR] Participate in a Club fundraising activity (contribution, volunteering or sales).

***Need based sponsorship opportunities may be available to skaters who have a financial hardships and have met the above guidelines. Sponsorship opportunities may include Club membership, Club ice fees and USFS fees and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Board and based on the financial status of the Club.***