

Lower Cape Figure Skating Association

Club Ice Scholarship Fund Policy

2023-2024

The Lower Cape Figure Skating Association (“LCFSA” or the “Club”) is organized as a non-profit to encourage all persons to participate in the sport of figure skating.

LCFSA recognizes that some Member skaters are in need of financial aid to be able to participate in the sport of ice skating.

Scholarship amounts awarded and distributed by the Club will be based on the availability of Club funds for the applicable Skating Year, the club’s ability to remain financially solvent, as well as the avoidance of negatively impacting other LCFSA programs.

At the beginning of the Skating Year (the Skating Year begins July 1st and ends June 30th) the LCFSA Board of Directors per the LCFSA Bylaws will form a Scholarship Committee to oversee the Scholarship Program, review and publish the Scholarship Policy to Members by September 1st and review Member applications. No later than September 1st of the Skating Year and based on the Member approved annual budget, the LCFSA Board of Directors will approve the total scholarship funds available for distribution. The Scholarship Budget for the 2023-2024 Skating Year is approved at Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$2500.00). The LCFSA Board of Directors in its sole discretion, may determine based on the Club’s financial standing at any time, or at the time of the issuance of scholarship awards for the applicable year, if any, to reduce, increase, not award scholarships for the current Skating Year, or to award additional scholarships for the current Skating Year. The LCFSA Board of Directors will seek the Scholarship Committee’s recommendation for additional scholarships should they be warranted.

The skating year will be divided into two scholarship periods, or semesters, with the first semester dating from September to January and the second

semester dating from February to June. Scholarships awarded per individual/family Membership, per semester for the Skating Year will not exceed \$250 and the amount awarded up to \$250 per Member is determined by and is at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

In the event that a Member/Family Member of the Scholarship Committee or LCFSA Board of Directors becomes eligible to apply for a scholarship, the Member/Family Member would recuse themselves from all scholarship decisions during the application review and recommendation process.

Scholarship applications are due by September 1st for the first semester of the Skating Year and January 1st for the second semester of the Skating Year. The Scholarship Committee's non-partisan judges will review and make recommendations for award to the Board of Directors no later than September 10th for the first semester and no later than January 10th for the second semester. Scholarship awards, if any, will be in the form of a credit on the Member's Entryeze account by September 15th for the first semester of the current Skating Year and January 15th for the second semester of the current Skating Year. The Member's credit on their Entryeze account can be used at the Member's discretion for club related expenses including, but not limited to, LCFSA club ice fees. For Members who skate exclusively on Charles Moore Arena rink ice time and not LCFSA club ice time, the Member will not be charged for that rink ice time through Charles Moore Arena for the awarded amount. Charles Moore Arena will charge the LCFSA for that Member's rink ice time for the awarded amount.

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, Members must meet the following qualifications:

- The applicant Member must have submitted a completed LCFSA Scholarship Application no later than September 1st for the first semester of the Skating Year in which the scholarship is sought, and no later than January 1st for the second semester of the Skating Year in which the scholarship is sought;
- The applicant Member must have been a Full Member of the Club for the entire previous membership year and be in good standing for the

current Skating Year in which they are applying for funds (this means the applicant Member must be, at a minimum, in their second year of membership with the Club, and must have timely renewed the Member's membership with the LCFSA). The applicant Member must maintain the Full Membership status during the entire duration of the applicable Skating Year;

- The applicant Member must have renewed the applicant Member's membership with the LCFSA as either a Full Member or a Collegiate Member for the following Skating Year, no later than June 20th of the current Skating Year. If the applicant Member was a graduating senior in high school, then the applicant Member must have renewed as either a Full Member or a Collegiate Member of LCFSA for the current Skating Year;
- The applicant Member must be in good standing with both the LCFSA and U.S. Figure Skating;
- The applicant Member must have exhibited Club citizenship, by participating and actively engaging in LCFSA activities, events, competitions, exhibitions, and fulfilling all volunteer hours throughout the applicable Skating Year;

Recipient Required Volunteer Hours

- In addition to the mandatory volunteer hours required per the Membership Contract, the applicant Member must complete a **minimum of two (2) volunteer hours**, on behalf of the Club, directly benefiting the Club, and Club programs, during the applicable semester (such as volunteering for the Harvest Classic, Test Sessions, Club events, the Spring Show, running or participating in a fundraising event, participation on the Junior Board, etc.);
- Volunteer hours may also be completed by family members of the applicant Member. The applicant Member **must submit a log** of Club volunteer hours;

- The Scholarship Committee will take into consideration the availability of volunteer opportunities throughout the Skating Year.

NOT ALL APPLICANT MEMBERS WHO APPLY FOR AN LCFSA SCHOLARSHIP WILL RECEIVE AN LCFSA SCHOLARSHIP, EVEN IF THE APPLICANT MEMBER SATISFIED ALL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. SELECTION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE MADE BY THE LCFSA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, AND IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SCHOLARSHIP POLICY. THE LCFSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES DURING THE SKATING YEAR, SO LONG AS THE QUALIFICATIONS ARE ATTAINABLE BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE ISSUANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP AND THE GUIDELINES AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Race, religion, color, creed, sex and ethnic background are not considered in the selection of recipients by the Scholarship Committee.

All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Lower Cape Figure Skating Association.