

The Synchronized Skating Scholarship (SSS) Fund

The Synchronized Skating Scholarship (SSS) Fund was founded by Oxford Skating Club member Michael Anne Higgins, with OSC for 11 years. She now skates on the Miami University Collegiate Varsity Team. Synchronized skating is her passion; she loves the camaraderie and spirit of a team environment. During the 2006-07 season the first scholarships were granted successive years have seen the program develop with now high aspirations for the future.

The Oxford Skating Club, Michael Anne Higgins & we know that as a skater reaches higher levels of skating the expenses reach higher levels as well. This fund was established to assist skaters who want to pursue synchronized skating, believe in service to others yet struggle with the costs associated with the sport. As the fund grows so will the scholarship significance and breadth of skaters brought in.

Who is eligible? Scholarship Guidelines and Criteria (please read carefully)

- Any skater currently on roster of an Oxford Skating Club *travel* team.
- Applicant/skater must FULLY complete the SSS Fund Application form provided by OSC.
- Applicant must be a current Oxford Skating Club member and have been an active member in Good Standing for at least the past two (2) years.
- Skaters may submit one application per year. SSS award winners may re-apply, but not in the consecutive year immediately following an award.
- Applicants must provide detailed documentation of participation in community service.
- Applicants must demonstrate a good faith effort to raise funds that are applied to their skating fees (this can also include paid work).
- SSS Award winners are required to actively serve on the SSS committee during the season of award with the hopes of continuing to volunteer in the future.

What happens next? Award notification process. (please read carefully)

- All awards will be determined by a review committee including external reviewer(s) approved by the OSC Board.
- The SSS Fund reflects/is consistent with federal decisions on matter of discrimination.
- All selections are considered final.
- Scholarships will range between \$100-\$500 as determined by team fees and merit of application.
- Applicants will receive a written notification of their award.
- All awards will be directly applied toward applicant's OSC Synchronized Skating team fees for the current skating season.
- Applications can be turned in at Goggin Ice Center in the Oxford Skating Club mailbox.
- Applications will be accepted no later than October 31st, to be considered for the upcoming skating season.
- Notifications will be made by November 30th.

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Scholarship Application for 2011-12 Skating Season

PERSONAL

Name: _____ USFS # _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian name(s) _____

Email: _____ or _____

Phone #: _____ or _____

Home Address _____

City

State

Zip Code + 4

SKATING BACKGROUND

1. OSC Roster 2011-12 Team(s) _____
2. Number of years you have been an OSC skating member(must be more than 2): _____
3. How many years have you been an ice skater? _____
4. How many years have you skated on a Traveling Synchronized Skating team? _____
5. Do you plan to try-out for a synchronized skating team next year? Y / N If no, please explain?

6. USFS Test Levels Passed & date. If none, list what you are working on.
 - a. MIF _____
 - b. Freestyle _____
 - c. Dance _____
7. ISI Test Levels Passed:
 - a. Freestyle _____
 - b. Dance _____

I certify that the information submitted in this application is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I agree to abide by the decision of the Board of Trustees in connection with this application.

X _____
Skater Signature

Date

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Skaters please answer all questions completely (preferably typed or printed clearly), use additional sheets if necessary.

CLUB & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Describe in detail ANY volunteer activities that you have participated in over the past 12 months including: (1) the place, (2) the activity and (3) the number of hours of service.

Activity	Event/Organization	# hours

Describe your volunteer service to the Oxford Skating club (beyond the required 5 hours) by you and/or your parent(s)/guardian(s) in the past 12 months

Person:	Event/Activity	# hours

*Are you able to fulfill the obligation to service on the Synchronized Skating Committee this season? _____

EFFORTS MADE IN RAISING FUNDS FOR SKATING EXPENSES:

Describe in relative detail fundraising YOU as a skater have been instrumental in which contributed to YOUR skating expenses. Include the activity & total dollars raised last season. This may include a paid job to in part finance your skating.

Place:	Activity/Position	Total dollars raised

List your family's joint efforts in earning **OSC Crystal Credits** toward team skating fees this past season.

Who Participated	Fundraising Event/Activity	credits earned

Previous years SSS Funds received and award amount(s):

Year awarded	Awarded Year's Team level	Amount Received
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Briefly describe financial specifics directly related to reason for request. Additional information may be required to make quality decisions on all applicants' behalf.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING “TEAM”

Describe why a team concept is important to you by describing what the word “team” means to you.

SKATING GOALS NOW AND IN YOUR FUTURE.

Share some of your short and long term goals and how you think this scholarship would help you advance toward these goals.