



Dear Applicant,

The Airdrie Skating Club is pleased to announce the Airdrie Skating Club Scholarship. This scholarship has been designed to give back to our skating community as they all move onto further education after high school. It will recognize those who have participated in the club and contributed to making it a positive environment for all.

The Airdrie Skating Club will award multiple scholarships of \$1000 each. The award money will be deposited into an RESP for the recipients or it will be held in a GIC for 2 years. Applications will be accepted from January 1st to February 15th, with the winners being announced at the AGM in April. All personal identifiers are removed from the applications for the selection committee to ensure an unbiased review.

**Qualifying criteria:**

1. The skater must have been with the club for 5 yrs + and not absent for more than 2 years during that time. The applicant could qualify if they were a skater in any of the ASC programs, or a volunteer Program Assistant.
2. Skaters can apply for the 1st or 2nd year of post secondary education.

## **How to apply:**

1. Submit your application form no later than February 15th. Please submit your information as one document including all components, in 1 document in a PDF format. Examples on the website.
2. Fill out your list of top 4 achievements/awards that you feel sufficiently define you as an individual. These can be athletic, academic, community or leadership related.
3. Submit a 500-750 word essay about how skating has influenced your future and why you should receive this scholarship. A rubric for how this essay will be scored is included on the application form
4. Include two references with letters of recommendation; one personal, one from a coach.
5. You must show a post secondary acceptance letter to receive the monies. To ensure your application is completed, please read the information carefully and ensure you have included all the items on the checklist. Once you have all your documents, please contact the Director of Skating at [directorofskating@airdrieskatingclub.com](mailto:directorofskating@airdrieskatingclub.com) with your completed application.

Note: No extensions will be granted.

## **Scholarship Checklist:**

- Completed application form
- Top 4 achievements
- Two reference letters
- Essay

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**Note:** No extensions will be granted. Good luck to all those who apply.

Thank you,

The Airdrie Skating Club.





## Scholarship Application Form

### **Section I. Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Year of high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section II. Top 4 Achievements**

Please list your top 4 achievements which help to define you as an individual. These may be employment or volunteer experiences, life experiences, awards, athletic achievements etc. (up to 4 points)

For each experience or achievement, the applicant should identify a title (e.g. "Community Leadership Award", "CanSkate coach", Volunteering Certificate, etc.) as well as provide a short description.

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### **Section III. Essay**

To assist the selection committee in knowing more about you, from your own perspective please complete an insightful essay and attach it to this application. (Up to 40 points)

## **Essay Requirements:**

**Length:** 500 – 750 words

**Topic:** How has your skating journey shaped you as a person both on and off the ice, and how will the skills you've developed through the sport help you with your future academic, career goals and personal growth?

**Format:** Typed, double-spaced, 12 pt font.

## **Section IV. Reference Information**

Please provide a letter of recommendation from each of your references, providing rationale as to why they think you deserve to receive the scholarship from Airdrie Skating Club. Speak specifically to leadership, motivation, determination and contribution to community. Avoid using names and gender pronouns. Please use “the student” or “the individual”. (Up to 2 points each)

### **Reference #1**

Coach reference: Please complete the details for your reference.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Reference #2**

Personal or academic reference: Please complete the details for your reference.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section V. Declaration**

I understand that this information is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, required to determine the applicant's eligibility, and will be disclosed to the scholarship selection committee.

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Parent/Guardian Signature (If under 18 yrs)

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Date

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Applicants Signature

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Date

## Essay Marking Matrix

Criteria	Excellent (10 points)	Good (7-9 points)	Satisfactory (4-6 points)	Needs Improvement (1-3 Points)	Not Addressed (0 points)
Connection to Figure Skating (10 points)	Clearly articulates a deep personal connection to figure skating, demonstrating lifelong impact and lessons learned.	Strong Connection to skating but may lack depth or specific examples.	Mentions skating's impact but lacks strong examples or detail.	Briefly references skating with little connection to personal growth.	No mention of how figure skating has influenced them.
Personal Growth & Resilience (10 points)	Demonstrates perseverance, dedication, determination, grit and lessons learned through challenges in skating.	Shows resilience and growth but may not strongly emphasize the challenges they have overcome.	Mentions some personal growth but lacks clear examples.	Touches on the challenges but does not fully develop how they were overcome.	No mention of growth, challenges or perseverance.
Future Goals & Application of Skills (10 points)	Clearly explains how skills learnt from figure skating (discipline, time management, etc) will help in future education and career.	Makes a strong connection between skating skills and future plans but could be more detailed.	Mentions future goals but does not strongly connect them to skating skills.	Has vague or unclear goals with minimal connection to skating experience.	No mention of future goals or skills gained from skating.
Passion & Authenticity (10 points)	Essay is deeply personal, engaging, and shows a strong passion for the sport of figure skating.	Passion is evident but may not be as deeply engaging or personal.	Some enthusiasm is present, but the essay feels somewhat generic.	Lacks strong engagement and feels impersonal.	Essay is generic, unclear or lacks sincerity.

