

BC/YT SECTION ATHLETE SUPPORT FUND

The Athlete Support Fund Committee raises money throughout the skating year at our Section Competitions, selling 50/50 tickets and roses, a silent auction table at SummerSkate and at our online auction during the week of our AGM. We thank everyone who supports these initiatives so that we can assist in supporting our skaters.

The Athlete Support Fund gives every skater who attends a Challenge Event, Canadian's Event and International Competitions some money to assist with their expenses. We pay for the BC/YT Team members to attend the BC/YT Section AGM banquet, as well as the cost of the Skater Banquet at the Kelowna Camp. We also offer Bursaries to skaters who are continuing their education.

There is a page on the skatinginbc.com website for the Athlete Support Fund – it is under Athletes. Please check it out – it lists winners of our 50/50 draws, upcoming fundraising events, and information on the Bursaries.

ATHLETE SUPPORT FUND BURSARIES

All the applications will be reviewed by the Athlete Support Fund Committee. They will be looking at the quality of your application, your level of skating, marks, involvement in the sport of figure skating, and other volunteer involvement. Submitting an application does not guarantee you receiving a Bursary. Bursaries are dependent on the number of applications received and the funds that are available year to year. Applications are on the skatinginbc.com website under Athlete Support Fund. Applications open in April 2026. Use the helpful tips for completing the application. The closing date to submit your application is July 15, 2026.

CANADIANS PARTICIPANT BURSARY – being awarded in Fall 2026

Criteria: Must have competed at the Canadian National Skating Championships in the Junior and/or Senior categories within the past three years. Must have competed at the 2026 BC/YT Sectional Championships, or the 2025 BC/YT Synchro Competition. Must be registering to attend a Post Secondary Institution for Fall 2026.

The Athlete Support Fund Committee will review the following when assessing your application:

- How many years you competed at the Canadian National Skating Championships in the Junior and/or Senior categories
- Whether you represented Canada at International Competitions assigned by Skate Canada

- Proof of registration in a Post Secondary Institution, and the number of courses that you plan on enrolling in during the upcoming academic year
- Educational plans and career goals
- Volunteer involvement in your skating community, including the various volunteer roles you may have held, and how often you volunteer
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- Academic marks will be reviewed using your submitted transcripts
- Whether you have obtained any coaching and/or officiating qualifications

GOLD ATHLETE BURSARY – being awarded in Fall 2026

We encourage skaters from all Regions to apply

Criteria: Must have achieved at least 3 of the 4 Gold Assessments (Dance, Skills, Free Skate, Artistic). Must be currently graduating from High School or finishing your first year of Post Secondary Education. You can receive this award one time only. Must be registering to attend a Post Secondary Institution in the Fall of 2026.

The Athlete Support Fund Committee will review the following when assessing your application:

- Dates of Gold Assessment Achievements and the number of Gold Assessments
- Proof of registration in a Post Secondary Institution, and the number of courses you plan on enrolling in during the upcoming academic year
- Educational plans and career goals
- Volunteer involvement in your skating community, including the various volunteer roles you may have held, and how often you volunteer
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- Academic marks will be reviewed using your submitted transcripts
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