



*Supporting Minnesota Skater Athletes since 1991*

## **2024 HARRIS COLLINS AWARDS**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

The Harris Collins Awards help Skater Athletes whose Home Club is in Minnesota and who are motivated, show promise and love skating, but need financial assistance to continue in our sport. Skater Athletes who fit these guidelines and plan to continue to skate are encouraged to apply for Awards. The Awards are intended to reimburse direct expenses incurred for figure skating education and skill development.

Please read the Application qualification requirements carefully. The qualification requirements are:

- Be a USFS member and be an USFS eligible Skater Athlete,
- Be recommended by an official from Applicant's Minnesota Home Club and be in good standing with that Club;
- Have financial need (with complete supporting data shown on the confidential Application),
- **Have passed the USFS Pre-Silver Singles, Bronze Dance, or Pre-Silver Pairs Test by September 1, 2023;**
- Have competed in a 2023 Championship Series competition; and
- Have the completed Application postmarked and mailed to Minnesota Skating Scholarship by March 15, 2024.

We look forward to considering your Application and being able to further support Minnesota Skater Athletes. For further information, please send an email to [MNSkatingScholarshipFund@gmail.com](mailto:MNSkatingScholarshipFund@gmail.com). The 2024 Harris Collins Award Application is attached and is also posted on our website: <https://www.minnesotaskatingscholarshipfund.org/scholarships>.

Sincerely,

*Vanessa J. Szalapski*

President,  
Minnesota Skating Scholarship Fund

\* Race, color, creed, sex, religion, and ethnic background are not considered in the selection of recipients. The selection of recipients is made by the Minnesota Skating Scholarship Board of Directors, and the Scholarships are administered through the Minnesota Skating Scholarship Office. Awards are for one year only, but Applicants may reapply in subsequent years.

**MINNESOTA SKATING SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS A 501(c)(3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION  
WE APPRECIATE DONATIONS TO SUPPORT MINNESOTA SKATER ATHLETES**



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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

1. Application must be postmarked on or before the deadline of March 15, 2024.
2. Application must be filled out completely and legibly to be accepted. Please type or use a pen with dark ink; do not use a pencil.
3. Completion of Part II (Financial Information) must include copies of pages 1 and 2 from Tax Form 1040 most recently filed by Applicant or Applicant's parent[s] or guardian. ***Before mailing, please blackout all social security, account, and any routing numbers on the form.***
4. Application must be signed by either Applicant and/or parent[s]/guardian[s] if they are providing financial support to the Applicant. Applicant should sign alone if over 18 years of age and the sole supporter of his/her expenses.
5. A letter of recommendation from Applicant's coach.
6. Future Skating Plans (must be completed by Applicant).
7. A Minnesota Home Club Officer must send an email or a letter to Vanessa Szalapski at [Szalapski.vanessa@dorsey.com](mailto:Szalapski.vanessa@dorsey.com) attesting that Applicant is a member in good standing of Applicant's Minnesota Home Club.
8. Submit Application to:

Minnesota Skating Scholarship  
c/o Vanessa J. Szalapski  
6270 Ridge Rd.  
Chanhassen, MN 55317

ALL APPLICATION-RELATED INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL



## HARRIS COLLINS AWARD CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

Due March 15, 2024

**SKATER ATHLETE:** Send completed Application to Minnesota Skating Scholarship, c/o Vanessa Szalapski, 6270 Ridge Rd., Chanhassen, MN 55317

### PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

LAST

FIRST

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ US Figure Skating # \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Minnesota Home Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants Home Club President, Treasurer, or Club Officer must send an email to [MNSkatingScholarshipFund@gmail.com](mailto:MNSkatingScholarshipFund@gmail.com) attesting that the Applicant is a member in good standing of the Club.**

Are you an eligible person in figure skating as defined by the USFS? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Highest US Figure Skating Test Passed: Singles \_\_\_\_\_ Pair \_\_\_\_\_ Dance \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last test passed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II: QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE RECORD**

Name of partner (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: It is not necessary to submit non-qualifying competition results.**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>NQS</b>		Level _____ Placement: Midwest ____ US ____	Level _____ Placement: Midwest ____ US ____
<b>Midwestern Sectional Championships</b>	N/A	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____
<b>US Figure Skating Championships</b>	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____	Level _____ Placement: IR ____ FR ____
<b>US Figure Skating Team Training Camp</b>	Level _____	Level _____	Level _____
<b>Excel National Festival</b>		Level _____ Placement: FR ____	Level _____ Placement: FR ____

Current Skating Coach[es] \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach[es] Email addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Current School, College, or University \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time    \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time    Correspondence \_\_\_\_\_    Tutoring \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II – FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

Full Name of \_\_\_ Parent or \_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address – Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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**What were your skating expenses last year? (January 1, 2023–December 31, 2023)**

**Provide correct expenses for actual months skating. Number of months skating/training \_\_\_\_\_**

Ice Time	\$ _____	Costumes	\$ _____
Equipment	\$ _____	Travel for Applicant	\$ _____
Coaching Fees	\$ _____	Other (explain)	\$ _____ (i.e., Competition Fees)

2. Does Applicant work to help with skating expenses? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no  
If yes, please describe type of work \_\_\_\_\_ Income earned \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. List all Applicant's sources of skating support (if none, please indicate so).

Parents	\$ _____	Yourself	\$ _____	TCFSA stipend	\$ _____
USFS Funds	\$ _____	Trust Fund	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____ MSS
Scholarship	\$ _____	Club	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____

<b>Taxable Income</b> <b>(Line 43 Form 1040)</b>  _____
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Award checks will be sent to either your coach or your club. Indicate to whom award should be sent:

Coach (for coaching fees)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Minnesota Club (for ice fees)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

***Do not forget to enclose a copy of Applicant's most recent Tax Return and that of Applicant's parent or guardian. Include only pages 1 and 2 of tax form #1040. This information is extremely important in deciding on the award.***

**CERTIFICATION**

We certify that we have read this Application and that it is accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge. We agree to provide, if requested, any other documentation necessary to verify information provided in this form. We further agree to promptly notify the Minnesota Skating Scholarship of any changes in our circumstances.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent (or Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent (or Guardian)



