

APPLICATION FORM
WISSAHICKON FIGURE SKATING FUND, INC.

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2012 ACADEMIC HONORS AWARD / ACADEMIC HONORS TEAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2012

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2012 WFSF ACADEMIC HONORS AWARDS

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8th grades) \$250

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12th grades) \$500

The three-part application should be completed and submitted by the date listed above. The applicant is asked to complete the information form, write a brief essay, and submit a copy of his/her USFSA test history and most recent report card or school transcript. A teacher and a coach are asked to provide letters of recommendation. An individual may receive each award one time only, but is eligible for the Honors Team annually.

PART ONE: INFORMATION FORM, USFS TEST HISTORY, SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

PART TWO: ESSAY

PART THREE: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION*

**If you are ineligible for the Academic Honors Award because you have received it previously, and are therefore applying only for Academic Honors Team membership, it is not necessary to submit letters of recommendation. High school seniors who have received the high school Academic Honors Award are honorary team members and need not apply.*

The WFSF Academic Honors Award Selections Committee will review the applications and notify the winners in April. The school principals of all award winners and team members will be notified in April. The WFSF Academic Honors Awards will be presented at the Wissahickon Skating Club's Figure Skating Awards Banquet (date to be announced).

For further questions, please contact:
Kathleen Amrom at 215-242-8078 or aht@wfsfund.org

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*Please complete this form in ink, not pencil.
Skaters, please complete the form yourself.*

Date of Application _____

PART ONE: Information Form, USFS Test History, School Transcript

PART TWO: Essay

PART THREE: Letters of Recommendation*

Please select a coach and a teacher to each write a letter of recommendation. Letters should be mailed to the address below or sent to: aht@wfsfund.org. *If you are ineligible for the Academic Honors Award because you are a previous winner, it is not necessary to submit letters of recommendation for Academic Honors Team membership.

Please complete PART ONE and PART TWO and mail to:

Wissahickon Figure Skating Fund, Inc.
Kathleen Amrom
8319 Seminole Street
Philadelphia, PA 19118

PART ONE: INFORMATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Please attach a copy of your most recent report card or school transcript to this form.

A letter of notification will be sent to your school, so be sure to include the correct mailing address.

SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

PRINCIPAL/ HEAD of SCHOOL _____

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES _____

HONORS AND AWARDS

Please describe any awards or special recognition that you have received at school or in your community:

SKATING HISTORY

Please print a copy of your USFS test history and attach it to this information form.

Note any recently passed tests not yet recorded.

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN SKATING? _____

COACH(ES): please list _____

Write in the average amount of time you spend participating in any of these activities:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
group lesson							
private lesson							
individual practice							
team practice							
off-ice training							
off-ice dance							

Other training activity related to skating:

ARE YOU CERTIFIED TO COACH? _____

TYPE OF CERTIFICATION: _____

I AM WORKING TOWARDS CERTIFICATION IN: _____

SKATING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

Please check all that apply and include details in the space provided.

You may attach a copy of your USFS competition history to this form. Note any additional competitions you have participated in below.

Competitions: **Synchro**

MIF

Freestyle

Dance

Exhibitions: **Synchro**

MIF

Freestyle

Dance

Seminars: **Synchro**

MIF

Freestyle

Dance

Training Camps: __Synchro

__MIF

__Freestyle

__Dance

Shows: __Synchro

__MIF

__Freestyle

__Dance

Teaching/
Assistant Coaching

__Synchro

__MIF

__Freestyle

__Dance

Other: __Synchro __MIF __Freestyle __Dance

PART TWO: ESSAY

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT:

Please include, with the information form, a typewritten essay of approximately 500 words answering the following question:

Achievement in figure skating is measured by graded tests administered by the national organization, United States Figure Skating, and these tests require skaters to follow defined rules, to learn complex patterns, and to achieve a measured level of competence.

How has the challenge of being tested shaped you as a skater and as a student ?

Please note:

- The number of words suggested is a guideline, not a strict requirement.
- The goal of the essay is to encourage you to reflect on your skating experiences.
- The essay question is not a test; there is no right or wrong answer.
- Be yourself and write about your own experiences and ideas!

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

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PART THREE: TEACHER'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT: Please select a teacher to write a letter recommending you for the WFSF Academic Honors Award. Give this form to your teacher and s/he will mail it to the address listed below.

We request the letter be received by March 1, 2012.

Questions? Contact: aht@wfsfund.org

DIRECTIONS TO TEACHER:

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The student named above has selected you to write a letter recommending him/her to receive the 2012 WFSF Academic Honors Award. Letters from teachers and skating coaches provide valuable information to the Selections Committee and help to distinguish each applicant. Figure skating is in many ways a solitary and competitive discipline, requiring the skater to compete for space on the ice, a place on the podium, or a spot on the team. A member of the WFSF Academic Honors Team is motivated by a desire for personal achievement yet maintains a sense of collegiality and respect for fellow skaters. Please describe how this student has demonstrated the desire for personal achievement in academic work as well as respect for others within his/her school community.

Because the identities of the applicants are not revealed to the Selections Committee, it is very helpful if the name of the student does not appear in the text of the letter after the initial identification.

Please mail the letter of recommendation to:

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PART THREE: COACH'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT: Please select a skating coach to write a letter recommending you for the WFSF Academic Honors Award. Give this form to your coach and s/he will mail a letter to the address listed below.

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DIRECTIONS TO THE COACH:

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The student named above has selected you to write a letter recommending him/her to receive the 2012 WFSF Academic Honors Award. Letters from teachers and skating coaches provide valuable information to the Selections Committee and help to distinguish each applicant. Please answer the following two questions:

- 1. Figure skating is in many ways a solitary and competitive discipline, requiring the skater to compete for space on the ice, a place on the podium, or a spot on the team. The WFSF Academic Honors Team recognizes skaters who practice their discipline while maintaining a sense of collegiality and respect for fellow skaters. Please recount a time when you saw this skater exhibit good sportsmanship.**
- 2. USFS testing measures achievement in figure skating and requires skaters to learn defined rules, master complex moves and patterns, and to strive for measured competence. Please describe how this skater works to meet these challenges.**

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?????? WHY SHOULD I APPLY FOR THE WFSF ACADEMIC HONORS TEAM ??????

When you apply for the Academic Honors Team, you are eligible to win the Academic Honors Award (if you have not won it previously in the category to which you are now applying, i.e., middle school or high school).

You will receive recognition for your hard work in school and on the ice.

Your principal will receive a letter of notification that you have been awarded membership on the Academic Honors Team and will be very proud of you.

You might get your picture in the local newspaper.

You will receive a cool pin to wear and a certificate to display.

Membership on the WFSF Academic Honors Team looks great on a college application.

????????????????? QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION ??

Do I need to have an “A” average?

No! If the average of all your grades for the most recent report card is at least a “B-” you are eligible.

Do I have to be a competitive or advanced skater?

No! What is required is an enthusiasm and dedication to actively participating in the sport of skating.

When should I start the application process?

Begin working on the application form and essay during your winter break. Submit the request for letters of recommendation when you return to school in January. Don't wait until the last minute!!

The application deadline is March 1, 2012

Who chooses the Academic Honors Team and the award winners?

Each year a different committee of five distinguished individuals from our community reads the applications, essays, and letters of recommendation. **Individuals on the Selections Committee do not personally know the skaters who are applying, and they do not know who the author of any application or essay is. Relatives or coaches of applicants do not serve on the committee.**

How do I find out if I have been selected for the Academic Honors Team?

The Selections Committee meets in March. You will receive a letter in April notifying you that you have been selected for the Academic Honors Team (make sure to include your e-mail, home address, and the address of your school on the application). **Winners of the Academic Honors Awards are announced at the Wissahickon Skating Club's Figure Skating Awards Banquet (date to be announced), and all team members receive their pin and certificate at that time.**

Can I apply for the Academic Honors Team again, even if I won the award previously?

Yes! Although applicants may win each award only once, they are eligible for team membership each year. If you are applying for team membership only, letters of recommendation are not necessary. **High school seniors who have already won the high school award are honorary members of the Academic Honors Team and do not need to submit an application.**

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**ACADEMIC HONORS TEAM
APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

- _____ 4-PAGE INFORMATION FORM
- _____ USFS TEST HISTORY
- _____ USFS COMPETITION HISTORY (OPTIONAL)
- _____ COPY OF REPORT CARD
or SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- _____ ESSAY
- _____ COACH'S RECOMMENDATION
- _____ TEACHER'S RECOMMENDATION

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