



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

Affiliated to the International Skating Union

Policy Document : HPP-0809-V1

ISA Development Scholarship Criteria

Overview

This Policy establishes the guidelines for the 2008 ISA Development Scholarships. These scholarships have been made possible through the generous donation of the Morgan Innes Foundation. The Foundation supports youth with a passion to excel in the sport of Figure Skating, by providing them opportunity, support and financial assistance through the Australian Sports Foundation under criteria set by Ice Skating Australia.

One of the objectives of the foundation is to aid young figure skaters in the pursuit of their ice skating dreams. To achieve excellence they need to be exposed to international competitions and the international training environment. The Foundation will provide athlete training scholarships for skaters at all Championship levels so that they are able to undertake and meet the expense of a specific project and/or overseas training program. Expenses may include: travel to an overseas location, accommodation, coaching fees, ice time, choreography and off-ice training. Projects may also include expenses for relevant sports science services.

The number of scholarships that will be made available each year are at the discretion of the Trustees.

Related Documents

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| 1. Form | HPF-0810-V1 | ISA Development Scholarship Application Form |
| 2. Policy | HPP-0808 | Medical Notification and Clearance Procedure |

POLICY

Development Scholarships

- a) Applications will be accepted from any member of a State Association who has been ordinarily resident in Australia for at least one year.
- b) Skaters must compete in the 2008 Australian Figure Skating Championships or have been granted an exception under the ISA Medical Notification & Clearance Procedure.
- c) Applicants must agree to remain competitive for the current season (2008/2009) and the following season (2009/2010).

Scholarships shall be determined based upon the following:

1. Level of skating achievements and competitive history
2. Intended scholarship project and/or overseas training program and plans
3. Future aims and goals (within the next five years)
4. Season aims and goals and how the athlete intends on achieving them
5. Personality and sportsmanship
6. 2008 Australian Figure Skating Championships Performance

The Scholarship Recipient(s) will be required to work with the ISA High Performance Team to develop a detailed plan that meets ISA requirements and the objectives of the Foundation.

Previous Scholarship Recipients may apply for additional scholarships in subsequent years.

National Scholarship

One ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) National scholarship will be awarded. The National Scholarship is available to any athlete(s) who has competed in the Novice division or above in Singles, Pairs, Ice Dancing or Synchronized Skating and who fulfill requirements (a – c) listed above.

Queensland Scholarships

One or more Scholarships up to a total value of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) will be awarded to athletes who are members of Ice Skating Queensland.

The Queensland Scholarship is open to all Championship Divisions (Primary – Senior) in Singles, Pairs, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating who fulfil requirements (a – c) listed above.

Scholarship Awards

A Selection Panel comprised of Morgan Innes Foundation Trustees and Ice Skating Australia Representatives will determine the suitability of all applications. Applicants will be short-listed. Interviews will be conducted with short-listed applicants and their support team (including family members, coaches) at the Australian Figure Skating Championships with regards to their application and for clarification or refinement in accordance with Foundation Objectives or ISA High Performance Requirements.

The scholarships will be awarded at the 2008 Australian Figure Skating Championships. Decision of the Trustees and the ISA Selection Panel are final.

The ISA High Performance Operational Director will convene a “Stakeholder’s Meeting” where the skater and their support team (including family members, guardians, coaches, personal trainers etc) will liaise directly with the ISA Team to develop and agree on an appropriate development plan including a detailed training program.

Scholarship recipients will be required to:

- work with all representatives of the ISA to agree on a development plan and budget
- agree and abide by the Development Scholarship Agreement
- submit progress reports throughout the year
- complete and submit Sports Foundation documents and ISA final reports by June 30, 2009
- demonstrate commitment and dedication to training (overseas and continually throughout the year)
- provide permission for use of photos and testimonials on the ISA and Morgan Innes Foundation web site (parental permission required if skater is under 18 years)

It is the hope of the Foundation to expand the funding for the scholarships and to build a sustainable Foundation for the betterment of figure skating within Australia.

Be as Morgan was - the best you can be and accept no compromises.

Testimonial from Matthew Precious - 2007 National Scholarship Recipient

Being the first recipient of the Morgan Innes Foundation Scholarship was a great honour. I could not believe it when my name was announced. The difference it made to my training was incredible. Not only did it allow me to attend an intensive three week skating camp in my home town Perth but it also gave me the chance to travel overseas twice for training. Firstly, to Ann Arbor Michigan, USA for three weeks and then to Oberstdorf, Germany for one week. The overseas trips have changed the way I personally train everyday and have allowed me to skate with some of the best skaters in the world. This has inspired me and reinforced my passion for the sport. I would personally like to thank the Innes Family and ISA for making this possible; they have made such a difference in my skating career. Lastly, I hope that every recipient gets as much out of this scholarship as I have, 2007/08 is a year that I won't forget!

Applications

Applications should be made on the official application form and relevant supporting documents should be attached. Applications must be submitted no later than **Monday 4th August 2008** as follows:

- Mail: ISA Development Scholarships
c/o ISA Administration Office
PO Box 3266
North Strathfield NSW 2137
- Facsimile: 02 8732 1627
- Email: administration@isa.org.au

Authorized by: ISA Board of Management

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