Purpose

The Skate Oakville Competitive Bursary program is designed to provide financial aid to new competitive skaters. The program targets, within categories, competitive skaters in the STARSkate 1 – 4, pre-preliminary and Preliminary dance competitions.

Responsibility

At the discretion of The Skate Oakville Board of Directors, on a year-to-year basis, funds will be allocated towards the Bursary program. The Skate Oakville office and staff is charged with the responsibility for implementing the policies established by the Bursary Committee.

Application

In order to receive compensation from the bursary program skaters must be a registered Skate Oakville member in good standing and representing Skate Oakville as their home club.

Completed applications must be submitted by the deadline date and submitted with all results sheets of the competitions listed on the application. Please attach results sheets to the original application. All results are available on the websites of the hosting Sections. The Bursary dates will be a full 12 month period starting May 1st and ending April 30th the following year.

The Skate Oakville office will not be responsible for maintaining individual skater records for the purpose of bursary applications. All information required is available on the competition or events portion of the websites of the hosting Section. Please make sure you compile the information during the season as the Sections may remove it after competitions or at the end of each competitive season.

In an attempt to provide timely and responsive service, bursary applications must be received by the deadline specified on the application.

Criteria

In order to receive compensation from the bursary program skaters must be a registered Skate Oakville member in good standing and representing Skate Oakville as their home club.

Number of Competitions:
In order to qualify, skaters must have competed in at least 2 (two) competitions. Club Competition does not qualify as one of the 2 competitions as the Club already subsidizes the entry fee.

Types of Events:
The Competition Bursary is intended to offset some of the cost of entry to competitions for Skate Oakville skaters starting in the competitive stream. In general, it is for the STAR 1 – 4 and entry dance categories. The following categories of events shall qualify:
  a. STARSkate levels 1 through 4.
  b. Pre-preliminary Dance
  c. Preliminary Dance.

The Bursary excludes "fun" events such as team elements, group or family showcase, Production Numbers, Group and Family Dance events as are offered at Area Competitions and at Fun Competition.

Approved by the Board of Directors: February 23, 2016
Effective: September 1, 2016

Principles of Allocation

Once all applications have been received they will be disbursed based on an allocation formula based on entry fees and number of competitions. The Bursary Committee may verify any information submitted on the application and in the case of any discrepancies will contact the applicant for proof of submission. Competition fees are the only allowable expense to be considered for application. Coaching fees, travel expenses etc. are not considered part of the entry fees and will not be considered admissible.

Notification of Results

You will be notified of the results of your bursary application by email, usually within 2-4 weeks of the application deadline.

Redeeming Your Bursary

Awarded Bursaries may be used against club skating fees incurred in the subsequent season following the Bursary award. The Competition Bursary Committee must approve any deviances from this process.

Reviews

If you have questions about the results of your bursary application, you may ask for a review to ensure that your file was assessed in accordance with all policies and procedures. Please address your request to Skate Oakville Bursary Committee. The Skate Oakville Competition Committee is responsible for establishing and reviewing bursary policy and serving as the body to review decisions brought forward for appeal.

Deadlines

It is the responsibility of the skater and/or parent to submit the Bursary Application by the deadline.