



## Doug Shelley Skater Bursary

Skate Oakville is pleased to offer the Doug Shelley Bursary to a skater transitioning to post-secondary education who embodies the dedication, leadership, and community spirit that Doug displayed during his many years of service.

Doug served as President for six consecutive terms and as Treasurer. He played a pivotal role in the Club's transition from Oakville Skating Club to Skate Oakville, the move to the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex, the implementation of modern financial processes and web-based registration, and the growth of our membership into one of Canada's largest figure skating clubs. With the support of the Synchro Parent Committee, he was instrumental in reintegrating the Synchronized Skating program.

This bursary honours Doug's legacy and his passion for helping skaters achieve their goals.

### **Eligibility**

- Current member in good standing with Skate Oakville
- Have been accepted to or have applied to an accredited university or college (proof required)

### **Selection Criteria** (evaluated via the scoring rubric below)

- Loyalty to Skate Oakville (strong emphasis)
- Continuous active membership
- Participation in Skate Oakville events (Gala, Ice Shows, Club Competitions, Hosted Competitions, etc.)
- Volunteer contributions (Program Assistant, music, competition/event support etc.)
- Giving back through coaching and/or officiating
- Commitment to Education
- Confirmed acceptance or application to an accredited post-secondary institution
- Demonstrated academic excellence while involved with Skate Oakville

### **Application Process**

Submit a personal essay (250–500 words) that clearly outlines how you meet the criteria above, describes your skating journey with Skate Oakville, and explains why you are a strong candidate. Attach a copy of your university/college acceptance letter or confirmation of application.

The \$1000 bursary is awarded annually. Skate Oakville reserves the right not to award the bursary if no suitable candidate is identified.

### **Selection Process**

A committee established by the Board of Directors will review all applications anonymously using the official scoring rubric. The Board, in consultation with the Skating Director, will make the final decision.

### **How to Apply**

Email your essay to [kim@skateoakville.ca](mailto:kim@skateoakville.ca) with the subject line: Doug Shelley Bursary Application

**Deadline:** Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026