



Michael LeBlanc Skater Bursary

Skate Oakville is pleased to offer the Michael LeBlanc Bursary to a skater that demonstrates the same hard work, dedication and passion that Michael, himself, displayed as a member of the Skate Oakville community.

Michael served as Skate Oakville's President for seven terms. He was a key player in the successful restructuring of Skate Oakville, how it's organized, its finances and its vision. He inspired a commitment to excellence, always leading by example. Michael was instrumental in securing Skate Oakville's new home at Sixteen Mile Sports Complex and establishing a strong foundation, allowing the Club to grow into one of Canada's premier skating clubs.

This bursary was established in Michael's name to honour his hard work and dedication to our Club and skating community and his passion for helping young skaters achieve their goals.

The bursary will be awarded to a deserving skater based upon any or all of the following criteria:

- Strong work acumen - Applicants must display a strong work ethic as it relates to the development of their skating skills, both on and off the ice;
- Team Player - Applicants must demonstrate the ability to work as part of a team, be supportive of others within the Club, and possess a positive attitude;
- Skating Accomplishments – Applicant must list their competitive, test, and/or personal accomplishment;
- Academic excellence; and/or
- Community Spirit – Applicant displays a strong sense of community spirit through volunteer or donation activities, extra-curricular and/or school activities.

Applicants/eligible skaters must be a member in good standing with Skate Oakville. Applicants must personally apply for the bursary by writing an essay detailing their qualifications and justification for the award. The bursary, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded annually. Skate Oakville reserves the right to not issue the award in the event an eligible applicant is not identified.

A selection committee, established by the Skate Oakville Board of Directors, will screen the applications before providing qualified candidate essays to Michael LeBlanc to select the successful recipient. Names of the applicants will be removed from the applications during the screening and selection process to ensure a fair and objective process.

Essay application are to be sent to bursary@skateoakville.ca

The application deadline is **Friday June 2, 2023**