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13th Annual

ACADEMIC HONORS TEAM

2015-2016 APPLICATION

Deadline: March 15, 2016



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Dear Skaters:

The New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs and the NJCFSC Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce the 13th annual NJCFSC Academic Honors Team. The program is designed to recognize student-athletes who are members in good standing of the United States Figure Skating Association and a home club member of a New Jersey Council member club.

In previous seasons, depending on funds available for distribution, academic Honors Team members (up to five) received scholarships as much as \$500.00. Honorable mention recipients were awarded up to \$100.00. The number and amount of the scholarships will be determined based upon the available funds for this year. The recognition ceremony will take place at the 53rd Annual NJCFSC Championships on June 3,4,5th, 2016.

The Academic Honors Team qualifications are listed in the preface of the enclosed application. Please feel free to copy and distribute the application. The application and all supporting materials must be postmarked by **March 15, 2016**. If there are any questions, please contact me directly at the above information.

Thank you for your interest in the NJCFSC Academic Honors Team. The committee looks forward to receiving your application.

Best wishes for a successful academic year and skating season!

Katherine Roekaert Davis
Coordinator, NJCFSC Academic Honors Program

**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF FIGURE SKATING CLUBS
2015-2016 ACADEMIC HONORS TEAM**

Preface

Instructions for Completing the Application

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be an eligible skater and current member of the USFSA and a *home club* member in good standing of a New Jersey Council member club.
- Be a full-time student entering the Junior or Senior year of High School in the fall of 2015. Applicant must be enrolled in a fully accredited secondary school, attend classes, and carry the minimum number of credit hours necessary to be a full-time student.
- Maintain at least a **3.4** GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) or a **93%** (based on a 100% scale) during the last two years.
- Must have competed in USFSA qualifying or non-qualifying competitions during the past season at the Intermediate, Novice, Junior, or Senior levels in any of the figure skating disciplines (singles, pairs, dance, or synchronized team skating) *and/or* have passed USFSA tests at the Intermediate, Novice, Junior, or Senior level.

Applicant must complete and submit the following by the due date:

1. **Official NJCFSC Academic Honors Team Application.** Application may be neatly printed, but the *essay must be typed.*
2. An **Official Copy** of a high school transcript including grades through the last reporting period with ACT, SAT, or PSAT scores if available. Transcript must be mailed; **faxes or copies will not be accepted.** Please ask the school to **calculate weighted and /or un-weighted GPA.**
3. A **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** including education, school honors and awards, skating accomplishments, extracurricular activities, leadership experience, and community service. (See the SAMPLE format provided.)
4. An **Essay** on one of the topics listed in this application. The essay should be *no more than 500 words and MUST be typed.* Please identify the essay topic you choose to use in the title.
5. The enclosed **Media Release** signed by your parent/guardian and a 5X7 head and shoulder portrait-style color **photograph** for publicity purposes.

Please do not staple or bind the application in any way.

Please use only one side of each page of paper.

The completed application form and all supporting documents **must be postmarked by March 15, 2016.**

Send all materials to:

**Katherine Roekaert Davis
NJCFSC Academic Honors Program
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Morris Plains, NJ 07950**

Failure to meet the entrance criteria and all of the appropriate deadlines will result in disqualification of the applicant.

All applicants will be notified of the results by e-mail. All selections are considered final. All submitted materials become the property of the NJCFSC and will not be returned. Winners will be notified of the time and place of the award ceremony.

III. SKATING HISTORY

1. Test Levels as of December 30, 2015

Skating Discipline	Highest Level Test Passed	Date of Test
Free Skating (singles)	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	
Pairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	
Moves in the Field	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	
Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Gold	

2. 2014-2015(2015-2016) Competition Record

Qualifying/International USFSA Competitions	Level	Event	Placement I=Initial Round F=Final Round

3. 2014-2015 (2015-2016) Non-Qualifying Competition Record

Non-Qualifying USFSA Competitions	Level	Event	Placement I=Initial Round F=Final Round

Other Skating Participation

Activity	Time Commitment	
	Hours Per Week	Weeks Per Month
Personal On-Ice Training		
Off-Ice Training <input type="checkbox"/> Ballet <input type="checkbox"/> Plyometrics <input type="checkbox"/> Weights <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Basic Skills Instructor		
Special Olympics		
Trial Judge		
Other Volunteer Work (Specify)		

Certification by New Jersey Club Officer*(President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer only)

I hereby approve the application of this skater and certify that he/she is a member of the Club in good standing and is an eligible skater in accordance with the current USFSA Rulebook & the skating record as stated is correct to the best of my knowledge.

* no general form allowed in lieu of a signature.

Name and Signature of Club Officer Title Date E-Mail

IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

List any job (including summer employment) that you have held during the past two years.

Specific Nature of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week

V. RESUME or CURRICULUM VITAE

Please use a separate sheet of paper to construct your resume or curriculum vitae. A SAMPLE format is provided. You may, however, use a different format.

VI. ESSAY TOPICS

Please submit a type written essay (**maximum of 500 words**) on *one* of the following topics or quotations. **Please identify which topic you have chosen in the title.**

1. Describe an event or individual that has been instrumental in shaping who you are. Tell us why this event/person has been significant in your life
2. Pick a value or ideal that is important to you and describe a situation where you behaved in a manner that was inconsistent with that value.
3. Maya Angelou once said: "You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it". How does this mean to you, and how do you handle defeat?
4. One of the tag lines in Nike's ad campaign during the Centennial Olympic Games was "You don't win silver, you lose gold." What are the implications of that sentiment?
5. What is the most difficult decision you've had to make? How did you go about making it?

VII. CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL (Principal or Guidance Counselor)

I have reviewed the applicant's academic information in this application, and I attest that to the best of my knowledge, it is accurate.

School Official:

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

E-Mail

Applicant Signature:

By signing this, I testify as to the authenticity and originality of the information represented in this application, and that I did not receive assistance in preparing the essay or resume.



MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I consent to allow the **New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs** to use photos of my son/daughter and issue a press release pertaining to the **New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs Academic Honors Team**.

Date _____ PRINT Name of Skater _____

PRINT Name of Parent/Guardian _____

SIGNATURE of Parent/Guardian _____

Other Information:

CITY/TOWN _____ COUNTY _____

NEWSPAPER _____

REPORTER or BUREAU CHIEF _____

PHONE CONTACT _____ E-MAIL: _____

If more than one periodical

NEWSPAPER _____

REPORTER or BUREAU CHIEF _____

PHONE CONTACT _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please include a 5X7 color head and shoulders portrait-style photograph or jpg file on diskette.

-SAMPLE RESUME-

Sam Skater

OBJECTIVE

NJCFSC Academic Honors Team

EXPERIENCE

2014-2016 Figure Skating Competitor Rinkville, NJ

Qualifying Competitions

US Junior Nationals – 1st Place Juvenile Men 2014

US Junior Nationals – 3rd Place Intermediate Men 2015

n US Nationals – 2nd Place, Novice Men 2015

n Eastern Sectionals – 5th Place, Junior Men 2016

2010–2016 Figure Skating Shows & Exhibitions

Soloist

n Special Olympics Fundraiser—Mennen Arena 2014

n NJ Council Competition – Exhibition 2015

n US Nationals – Show on ABC, 2015

2010-2016 Extracurricular Activities

Volunteer

n President, Youth Group at Unitarian Church

n Accelerated Trial Judge Program, USFSA

n Secretary, South Jersey High School Chess Club.

EDUCATION

2012-2016 South Jersey High School Rinkville, NJ

College Preparatory Division

n National Merit Honor Society

EMPLOYMENT

Basic Skills Instructor at Rinkville Arena 2014-2016

INTERESTS

Clarinet in Marching Band 2012-2016