



2009 APPLICATION

Scholastic Honors Program
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Dear Athletes:

U.S. Figure Skating and the Program Development Committee are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Scholastic Honors Team. The Honors Team is a program designed to recognize high school age U.S. Figure Skating members who have distinguished themselves both in figure skating and high school academics.

The entrance criteria are listed on page two of the enclosed application. Please feel free to copy the application. **The application and all supporting materials must be fully completed and postmarked by September 12, 2008 or the applicant will not be considered.** If there are any questions, you can either contact me using the above information or Zeffer Betts at Headquarters, 719.228.3412.

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

Good Luck!



Jonathan Geen
Coordinator, Scholastic Honors Program

Instructions for Completing Application

- Applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - Be an eligible skater and current member of U.S. Figure Skating.
 - Be a full-time student entering the junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2008. 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 93% (based on a 100% scale) during the last two years.
 - Must have competed in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition (Regionals, Sectionals and/or Nationals) at the novice, junior or senior level at least once during the past two years. (2006-2007 or 2007-2008 skating season)
- Applicant must complete and submit the following by the due date:
 - Official 2009 Scholastic Honors Team application. Application may be neatly hand written, but the essay **MUST** be typed.
 - An **Official Copy** of a high school transcript including grades through the last reporting period. Transcript must be mailed; faxes or copies will not be accepted. Transcripts can either be mailed separately or together with the rest of the items requested.
 - SAT/ACT test results to the extent available
 - An explanation from your school as to how grade point averages are computed and weighted, and any information on AP and Honors classes.
 - A color head and shoulder photograph, at least 4x6 in size (not returnable). Copies or faxes will not be accepted.
 - 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.
- Applicant should **NOT** submit the following:
 - Videos, DVDs, CDs, cassettes or other tapes or any other media
 - Letters of reference or recommendation
 - Duplicative materials
 - Supplemental materials that exceed ten (10) pages in total; or
 - Any materials after the application deadline
- Please do not staple or bind the application in any way.

- The completed application form and all supporting documents **must be postmarked by September 12, 2008**. Send all material to:

Jonathan Geen – Scholastic Honors Team Application
C/O Zeffer Betts, U.S. Figure Skating
20 First Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

- 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 in writing in November 2008. All selections are considered final. All submitted materials become the property of U.S. Figure Skating and will not be returned.
- Winners will be recognized during the Scholastic Honors Team ceremony at the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Cleveland, OH.

2009 SCHOLASTIC HONORS TEAM APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Home Skating Club _____ U.S. Figure Skating # _____

Jacket size (unisex), please circle one: **XXS** **XS** **S** **M** **L** **XL** **XXL**

Name and address of local newspaper, radio or TV: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Principal's Name _____ Year of Graduation: 2008 2009

(Additional pages may be included if necessary)

School Honors, Awards and Activities: _____

Leadership Experience: _____

Community Service Activities and Awards: _____

SKATING HISTORY

Highest Test Past: Figure _____ Dance _____ Moves in the Field _____
Freestyle _____ Pairs _____

Competition Record: Qualifying and international competitions entered during the past 2 years.

| Competition | Level | Event | Placement I = Initial Round F = Final Round |
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Other Skating Activity: Give examples of participation in club or U.S. Figure Skating activities, Special Olympics, Basic Skills, Etc.

Certification by Club Officer
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 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

Name and Signature of Club Officer Title Date

ESSAY TOPICS

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

- 1) Haywood Hale Broun said, 'Sports do not build character. They reveal it.' Relate this quote to your experiences in figure skating.
- 2) Charles Baudelaire said, 'Dancing can reveal all the mystery that music conceals.' Relate this quote to any program to which you have skated.
- 3) Describe a character in fiction, a historic figure or a creative work (as in art, music, science etc.) that has had an influence on you and explain that influence.

CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

(Principal or Guidance Counselor)

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

School Official:

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Applicant Signature:

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

Application Review Process

Each completed submitted application will be initially reviewed and screened by the Scholastic Honors program coordinator. Thereafter, applications will be reviewed by a group of judges from all over the country who are knowledgeable about both the sport of figure skating and scholastic achievement. While the program judges have diverse backgrounds, each of them is a high level figure skating judge with impressive academic and professional credentials.

In reviewing each application and in selecting this year's Scholastic Honors Team, the judges weigh and consider a number of factors including:

- a. The applicant's grade point average and class rank, the number, variety and difficulty of courses taken (such as AP and honors classes) as well as the reputation of the applicant's school;
- b. Academic honors, awards and the applicant's other academic achievements;
- c. The variety and extent of the applicant's involvement in community and other extracurricular activities;
- d. The applicant's achievements as a competitive figure skater; and
- e. The creativity, clarity, writing style and grammar of the applicant's essay.

Please direct any questions to Jonathan Geen, program coordinator, using the information located on the first page; or Zeffer Betts, headquarters liaison, zbetts@usfigureskatingo.org or 719.228.3412.