



PURPOSE



The purpose of the Francesca Hope's and Dreams Scholarship is to assist Northern Blades skaters in the pursuit of continued academic education. The size and the number of scholarships awarded may differ from year to year and will be dependent upon available funds and donations. The smallest award will be \$250. The money from the scholarship must be applied to the student's tuition, labs, and education expenses.



ELIGIBILITY



1. Open to Northern Blades NSC FSC skaters in 9th-12th grades and to Northern Blades NSC FSC Collegiate members that meet the requirements defined below.
2. **The following individuals are Not Eligible:** Northern Blades NSC FSC Board Members, scholarship contributors, member of the selection committee, manager or trustee of the scholarship fund, and/or family members of the aforementioned individuals are not eligible to receive this scholarship.



REQUIREMENTS



1. The applicant must be a Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club member in good standing for at least 24 consecutive months prior to application. **(Collegiate members need to have been an active skater in the Northern Blades NSC FSC during their senior year in high school)**
2. The applicant will support and respect the Northern Blades National Sports Center Figure Skating Club by encouraging membership, good sportsmanship behavior, and by showing positive support and respect for all members, coaches, board members, judges, officials and rink management both on and off the ice. Skater will follow the rules of skater etiquette as published by the National Sports Center and Northern Blades NSC FSC.
3. The applicant will demonstrate an academic GPA of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale or equivalent on another point scale.
4. The applicant will have completed 20 hours of community service activities.
 - a. These community service hours must be outside of your required club hours.



- i. For example, if the club's volunteer requirement for the season is 10 hours, you can start counting your hours AFTER those have been met, toward your community service goal.
 - b. Half of the 20 hours should be for services outside of figure skating (i.e.: helping others in your community), the other half can be at figure skating events.
5. The applicant will wear Northern Blades NSC FSC apparel while representing the club at USFS competitions. (Exception: A skater is allowed to wear a Gold Medalist jacket in lieu of club apparel.)
6. The applicant must agree to allow NBNSCFSC to post their picture and name in the newsletter and display case.
7. The applicant will complete NBNSCFSC minimum required volunteer hours during the season. The buy-out options will not be accepted to receive the scholarship.
8. Applicants may enter to win the scholarship as many times as they would like, while they qualify (including once in college).
9. Applicants may win up to 2 times.



PROCESS



1. Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club will maintain the following dates as an integral part of the process: July 31st, December 15th.
2. By July 31st, the Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club will initiate an annual review of the Francesca Hope and Dreams Scholarship process, requirements, and selection process. In addition, a plan for the coming year will be established.
3. As part of the review process, the Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club will establish a selection committee to review applications and to select the scholarship winner. This committee should include at least 2 current board members and a member of Chapman family.
4. By January 15th, the application process will open, and Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club will begin receiving applications for the Francesca Hope and Dreams Scholarship.
5. Personal information given as part of the application process will be kept strictly confidential. The Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club must request permission in writing to share any submitted information during the award presentation (ie. community service, essay, etc.).
6. Once the application process closes, the selection committee will begin reviewing the applications to ensure adherence to the scholarship requirements and to start the selection process for the best overall applicant(s).
7. The Francesca Hope and Dreams Scholarship winner will be announced during the Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club annual meeting.



APPLICATION

★★★ Section I: Applicant Information

Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Email:	
Phone:	

★★★ Section II: Parent Information (if applicant under 18)

Parent Name(s):	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Email:	
Phone:	

★★★ Section III: Education

Current Institution Name:	
Current Institution:	<input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> College
Current Year:	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Post-Secondary Institution You Plan to Attend:	
Enrollment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time
Field of Study:	<input type="checkbox"/> Basics (HS) <input type="checkbox"/> Major: _____
Type of Degree:	



Colleges and High Schools Attended (please list most recent first):

Name	Dates	Major	Degree	GPA

Please obtain official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. High School transcripts are required of students with less than two years of post-secondary education.

Other Academic Achievements:

Please describe other academic achievements, talents, and interest:

Academic Goals and Future Plans:

Please describe your Academic Goals and Future Plans:



★★★ **Section IV: Skating Career**

Number of Northern Blades Membership Years:	
Highest Moves Passed:	
Highest Free Skate Passed:	

Northern Blades Support:

Please describe how you continue to support the Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club and encourage fellow club members to excel:

★★★ **Section V: Letters of Recommendation**

Please attach two (2) letters of recommendation, other than your family and coach, attesting to your talents and personal characteristics.

Organizational Reference (Academic, Employer):

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Personal Reference:

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	



★★★ **Section VI: Community Service**

Organization:			
Services Performed:			

Organization:			
Services Performed:			

Organization:			
Services Performed:			

★★★ **Section VII: Short Essay**

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following question. Submit your essay with your application. *Please ensure that your essay is at least 1 page in length, and no longer than 2 pages.*

Essay Question:

How have the lessons you have learned from Figure Skating helped you grow as an individual and influenced your future hopes and dreams?

★★★ **Section VIII:**

I acknowledge that all the information I have provided is accurate and I have read the mission of the Francesca Hope and Dreams Scholarship and fully understand the guidelines for submission of my application. I agree to the terms described.

Printed Name:			
Signature:		Date:	
Parent Signature (if under 18):		Date:	