

The Frances and Walter Lupke Scholarship

The Frances Lupke Scholarship was established in 1992 with a personal gift from Irma Inbusch, member of the Ruedebusch family. Since then, it has been supported by the Lupke Foundation with additional funding from various individuals as memorials or philanthropic gifts. Additional contributions to the scholarship fund may be made by anybody, at any time and for any reason by contacting the scholarship committee at lupkeskatingscholarship@gmail.com to make the necessary arrangements. **Skaters have received grants and merit scholarships totaling more than \$50,00 over the past years.**

Funds from the Frances and Walter Lupke Scholarship continue to be made available to skaters of the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club by means of several grants each year to subsidize training expenses. We encourage skaters of ALL levels to apply.

Requirements for consideration:

1. The skater must have been a member of FWISC for at least one year.
2. The FWISC must be the member's Home Club.
3. The skater is not receiving more than \$1000 in support from other than family members at the time of application and through the duration of the scholarship.
4. The total Adjusted Gross Income of the skater's family is not in excess of \$150,000.

Overall factors which may also be considered for selection are:

1. A successful US Figure Skating competitive record.
2. A positive on and off ice attitude and a good work ethic.
3. An academic record of B or more for the previous two years.
4. Other interests and activities outside of skating.
5. Support of and participation in FWISC activities.
6. Reasonable personal goals.
7. Individual financial need.

Selection for these scholarships is objective and non-political. Selection for a scholarship in the current or previous years does not be disqualifying applicants for subsequent years. A five-member committee selects the recipients and total confidentiality of information contained in the application is maintained.

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Application Requirements

Please include the following:

1. A fully completed scholarship application form (skater and parental sections).
2. A small photograph of the applicant (a school photo is satisfactory).
3. The skater's academic transcript for the previous two years.
4. A brief handwritten statement outlining the skater's future plans and goals, including why this is so important to the skater. Applicants, please tell us about yourself.
5. A brief summary of the skater's other interests and goals outside of ice-skating.
6. An outline of the skater's competitive record.
7. A summary of financial assistance received from sources other than family members.
8. A coach's written recommendation. Please have the coach mail this recommendation directly to the address below.
9. A brief request for financial support, not to exceed one page in length. This should include any unique circumstances and why this is so important to the skater.

Application deadline: E-mailed on or before March 31, 2025.

Email to: lupkeskatingscholarship@gmail.com

Frances and Walter Lupke Scholarship Application

Custodial Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Section

Name(s) _____

Address (if different than skater) _____

Phone Numbers: daytime _____ evening _____

How many people live in your residence? _____ Do you support anyone outside your home? _____

How many skaters do you support? _____ How many college students do you support? _____

Does anyone outside your residence help pay for skating? _____ Amount per year _____

Approximate skating expenses for last year, including skates, competitions, lessons, etc. _____

Which tax return did you file (check one)

1040 _____ 1040A _____ 1040EZ _____ Filed none _____ (answer questions a & b below)

a) If you did not file, why not? _____

b) Please list all income: Wages _____ Unemployment _____

Interest _____ Self-employment _____

Other _____

Please answer the following questions using your tax return:

Adjusted Gross Income (2023 Tax year, not tax year currently due April 15, 2025) _____

Number of exemptions _____

Total wages (2023 Tax Year, not tax year currently due April 15, 2025) _____

(non-filers enter information from W-2 or 1099 Misc)

Were you self-employed? _____

Child support received _____

Child support paid out _____

Earned income credit (2023 Tax Year, not tax year currently due April 15, 2025) _____

**WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR A COPY OF THE TAX RETURN THOUGH ONE
NEED NOT BE ENCLOSED WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

Please include comments regarding any other extenuating circumstances you would like us to consider or information you would like to put forth for scholarship purposes in the space below.

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Skater Section

Name _____ Birthdate: _____
Address _____ USFSA# _____
_____ Gender: _____
Phone Numbers: daytime _____ evening _____

When did you begin figure skating and why? _____

Highest Test Level passed: MIF _____ FS _____ Dance _____

How many competitions do you usually attend each year? _____

Do you usually attend Regionals? _____

In an average week, how many sessions do you attend? On-ice _____ Off-ice _____

How much of this time is spent in lessons? _____

Enter the total of monies received for skating from other grants and scholarships, etc _____

Did you have any income this year? _____ If yes, be sure to answer question D, below.

Did you file a tax return? _____ If not, please go to Parent/Guardian section.

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Were you self-employed? _____