

# *Cleveland Championships 2000 Fund History – Guidelines - Criteria*

## *History*

Originating through revenue generated by the 2000 and 2009 US Figure Skating Championships, the Cleveland Championships 2000 Fund (the “Fund”) is an asset of Cleveland Championships 2000 (“CC 2000”), an Ohio nonprofit corporation that is tax exempt pursuant to Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Hundreds of dedicated skating volunteers from the Greater Cleveland area contributed to the success of the 2000 and 2009 events. In response to that volunteer effort, the Fund was created to support competitive amateur figure skating, and to nurture and increase this region’s public participation and appreciation of the sport of figure skating. The goal of the Fund is to provide Merit Awards and Grants to individuals, programs or projects that will advance the mission and purpose of CC 2000 and create a process that goes to fulfilling the Mission Statement of CC2000 which states:

*"... for the purpose of fostering, supporting, developing and promoting amateur figure skating in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area"*

The amount of funding each year is determined by the Trustees of CC2000. It is based on the anticipated fund income for the year. The fund is set-up as a "Legacy" account meaning that in the normal course of business the funding for Awards and Grants will come from the income and not the principle.

## *Purposes and Goals*

The Cleveland Championships 2000 Fund is dedicated to creating opportunities for people to discover, master and appreciate amateur figure skating on a regional, national or international level.

**PROMOTE** public participation and support for, and thereby increase interest in, the sport of amateur figure skating in the Greater Cleveland area.

**PRESENT** events such as exhibitions, discussion groups, forums, panels and training schools related to figure skating or to the administration, judging and conduct of amateur figure skating events.

**PROVIDE** financial assistance through Merit Award and Grants for the instruction and training of amateur figure skating competitors, judges, officials or administrators for the purpose of improving and developing their capabilities.

**SEEK** public and private resources to support the mission of the Fund and the public it serves.

## *Eligibility*

Merit Awards and Grants can only be given to skaters or teams that are members of a Greater Cleveland Council of Figure Skating Clubs (“GCC”) member club. The club must have paid their dues by the GCC deadline in order for their skaters to be eligible. The request must support amateur figure skating in the Greater Cleveland area. No Merit Awards or Grants will be given retroactively.

## *Fiscal Year for Determining Funding*

The Fiscal year for determining the total amounts for the Merit Awards and Grants will be January 1st thru December 31st.

## **Merit Awards**

Merit Awards are given to:

- Singles Skaters who qualify for Sectionals and Junior Nationals or the US Championships
- Pairs and Dance Skaters who qualify for Junior Nationals or the US Championships
- Synchronized teams who qualify for or are picked as a fill-up team for the Synchronized nationals

This process will be automatic (***you do not have to apply***) and will use a formula that was approved for this purpose. The checks will be issued by the Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Council of Figure Skating Clubs based on the US Figure Skating and GCC verified list of skaters and teams.

## **Grants**

Grants and their review and approval are under the control of GCC. They will determine the application process and the amount given to an individual and/or program. Priority will be given to proposals that significantly help to execute the Fund's purposes and goals, or have potential for serving as a model for national replication for public outreach and education. The Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Council of Figure Skating Clubs will issue the checks.

### **Grants Criteria**

1. Funded grants should support diverse projects with a broad impact on the Fund's stated goals.
2. Projects must be distinguished by a high standard of excellence.
3. The project should be able to be completed within 12 months from the time of the award.
4. Requests from Groups/Programs should not exceed \$5,000.
5. Requests from Individuals will not exceed \$1,000, and will generally be for much lesser amounts.

## **Application Procedure**

### **Individual Application**

- Review Date Deadline – March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Only one Merit Award and/or Grant per Individual will be granted per calendar year.
- Typed applications are preferred over hand-written applications.
- Your completed Application must consist of the items listed below. Must be collated in the following order:
  1. Application Form – first page signed
  2. Letters of support
  3. Signed letter of good standing from home club

### **Officials Application**

- Review Date Deadline – March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Only one Merit Award and/or Grant per Individual will be granted per calendar year
- Typed applications are preferred over hand-written applications.
- Your completed Application must consist of the items listed below. 3 packets (1 original and 2 copies) must be collated and stapled in the following order:
  1. Application Form – first page signed
  2. Additional documents, if applicable

## **Group/Program Application**

- Review Date Deadline – March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Only one Merit Award and/or Grant per Group/Program will be granted per calendar year
- Typed applications are preferred over hand-written applications.
- Your completed Application must consist of the items listed below. 3 packets (1 original and 2 copies) must be collated and stapled in the following order:
  1. Application Form – first page signed
  2. Project summary (not to exceed one page)
  3. Rational, implication and significance of the program
  4. Number of skaters served by the program
  5. Expected results, including plans and timetable
  6. Itemized budget (including matching fund sources; alternative fund sources to be sought if grant is not received; any anticipated project profit)
  7. How the program will be continued after the first year
  8. Evaluation for the program
  9. Letters of support, if applicable.

### **Conditions under which any application WILL NOT be accepted:**

1. Any application reproduced (by computer) incorrectly or incompletely.
2. Any applications that do not follow the cover page or proposals that are missing questions, statements or pages will not be accepted

*Completed Applications should be sent to the current Secretary of the Greater Cleveland Council of Figure Skating Clubs, Beth Roberts by email: [betsygnr@aol.com](mailto:betsygnr@aol.com) or mail to: 21572 Montclare Blvd, Strongsville, 44149. It is up to the applicant to verify forms have been received prior to the deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

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