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Fourth Annual

ACADEMIC HONORS TEAM

2006-2007 APPLICATION

Deadline: December 15, 2006



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2006-2007 Academic Honors Team
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Dear Skaters:

The New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs and the NJCFSC Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce the fourth 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 New Jersey Council member club.

Last season, five New Jersey skaters were named to the NJCFSC Academic Honors Team members and received scholarships.

The entrance criteria are listed in the preface of the enclosed application. Please feel free to copy the application. The application and all supporting materials must be postmarked by December 15, 2006. If there are any questions, you can contact me directly using the above contact 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!

Suzanne Schwanda, Coordinator
NJCFSC Academic Honors Program

**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF FIGURE SKATING CLUBS
2006-2007 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 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 2005. 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.
3. **A Resume or Curriculum Vitae** including education, school honors and awards, skating accomplishments, extracurricular activities, leadership experience, and community service. (See SAMPLE provided.) Resume should be one page in length.
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
6. A “head and shoulder” color **digital photograph** (high resolution) 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 December 15, 2006**. Send all materials to

**Suzanne Schwanda, NJCFSC Academic Honors Program
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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. 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.

2006-2007 New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs Academic Honors Team Application

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Home Club _____ USFSA # _____

I. SCHOOL INFORMATION

School _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Principal's Name _____

Year of graduation: _____ 2007 _____ 2008

II. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Include school clubs and community organizations

Extracurricular Experiences <i>In order of importance to you</i>	Grade Level			Time Commitment		Offices Held, Titles, and Awards Earned, etc.
	9	10	11	Hours Per Week	Weeks Per Month	

III. SKATING HISTORY

1. Test Levels as of December 15, 2006

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"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	

2. 2005-2006 Competition Record

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

3. 2005-2006 Non-Qualifying Competition Record

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

4. 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

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.

Name and Signature of Club Officer

Title

Date

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 is provided. You may, however, use a different format. Resumes should be one page in length.

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. "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."-[Joseph Campbell](#) *Who do you see as a hero, and how has that person impacted your life?*
2. If you had only \$10 (or 11 EUR or R\$25 or Rs 490, etc.) to plan a day's adventure, where would you go, what would you do, and who would you take with you?
3. "Every time you go out on the ice, there are slight flaws. You can always think of something you should have done better. These are the things you must work on." – Dorothy Hamill *Discuss this quotation in the context of your skating and life experiences.*
4. What is the most difficult decision you've had to make? How did you go about making it?
5. Pick a value or an ideal that is important to you, and describe a situation where you behaved in a manner that was inconsistent with that value.

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

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.



VIII. 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 _____

If more than one periodical

NEWSPAPER _____

REPORTER or BUREAU CHIEF _____

PHONE CONTACT _____

Please include a head and shoulders portrait digital photograph (jpg file) on a CD.

-SAMPLE RESUME-

SAM SKATER

OBJECTIVE

NJCFSC Academic Honors Team

EXPERIENCE

2000-2003 Figure Skating Competitor Rinkville, NJ

Qualifying Competitions

- US Junior Nationals – 1st Place Juvenile Men 2000
- US Junior Nationals – 3rd Place Intermediate Men 2001
- US Nationals – 2nd Place, Novice Men 2002
- Eastern Sectionals – 5th Place, Junior Men 2003

2001–2003 Figure Skating Shows & Exhibitions

Soloist

- Special Olympics Fundraiser—Mennen Arena 2001.
- NJ Council Competition – Exhibition 2002
- US Nationals – Show on ABC, 2002

2002-2003 Extracurricular Activities

Volunteer

- President, Youth Group at Unitarian Church
- Accelerated Trial Judge Program, USFSA
- Secretary, South Jersey High School Chess Club.

EDUCATION

2000-2003 South Jersey High School Rinkville, NJ

- College Preparatory Division
- National Merit Honor Society

EMPLOYMENT

Basic Skills Instructor at Rinkville Arena 2000-2003

INTERESTS

Clarinet in Marching Band 2002-2003