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Sixth Annual

ACADEMIC HONORS TEAM

2008-2009 APPLICATION

Deadline: December 1, 2008



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Dear Skaters:

The New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs and the NJCFSC Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce the sixth annual NJCFSC Academic Honors Team. The program is designed to recognize student-athletes who are members in good standing of US Figure Skating and a home club member of a New Jersey Council member club.

Last season, five Academic Honors Team members received scholarships in the amount of \$500.00. Honorable mention recipients were awarded \$100.00. The recognition ceremony took place at the NJCFSC Championships held in Sewell in June.

The Academic Honors Team qualifications are listed in the preface of the enclosed application. Please feel free to copy and distribute the application. The application and all supporting materials must be postmarked by December 1, 2008. If there are any questions, please get in touch with me directly at 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!

Kristina Usken Ramsland Coordinator,
NJCFSC Academic Honors Program

**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF FIGURE SKATING CLUBS
2008-2009 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 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 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. (Please ask the school to calculate weighted and /or unweighted GPA)
3. A **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** including education, school honors and awards, skating accomplishments, extracurricular activities, leadership experience, and community service. (See the SAMPLE format provided.)
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 and a 5X7 head and shoulder portrait-style color **photograph** for publicity purposes.
6. Do not include letters of recommendation.

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 1, 2008**. Send all materials to:

**Kristina Ramsland, NJCFSC Academic Honors Program
12 Birchwood Trail
Kinnelon, NJ 07405-3104**

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.

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 format is provided. You may, however, use a different format.

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. Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and it's impact on you.
2. Imagine you are the editor of a major national news magazine. Write the cover story you would choose for the issue that would be on the newsstands January 1, 2029.
3. Describe an event or individual that has been instrumental in shaping who you are.
4. *Alice came to a fork in the road. "Which road do I take?" she asked. "Where do you want to go?" responded the Cheshire Cat. "I don't know," Alice answered. "Then," said the cat, "it doesn't matter."* (Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland) Analyze how this quote might relate to you.
5. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.

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: _____ (add E-mail or fax contacts if possible)

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 5X7 color head and shoulders portrait-style photograph
or jpg file on diskette.

-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