

2024-25 Season Membership Grant Policy and Application

TFSC has decided to offer entrance fees, travel grants, and educational grants to skaters, coaches, and officials who are active members of the club for the current skating year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). Additionally, this year we will be offering small grants to coaches to help offset the cost of compliance through USFSA. These grants are intended to help club members offset the financial cost of participating in competitions and educational opportunities within the sport. Below are the details, including eligibility requirements and the application process. Awards will be approved until grant funding is exhausted. These grants do not cover the Dogwood Open, Central Carolina competition, or any other events hosted within 50 miles of Invisalign Arena. **Applications are due no later than 3 weeks after the event. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Key Details:

- **A total of \$8,000 from club funds has been allocated for the 2024-2025 season for grants**
- Skaters/teams must submit receipts and verification of participation for grant funds to be received within 3 weeks of the event.
- Grants are offered to eligible members on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be voted on and approved by the Board of Directors
- Must be a member in good standing for at least one year before the event.
- Must have fulfilled the volunteer requirement for that past year and be working toward fulfilling it for this year (minimum of 5 hours).
- Members are eligible for one competition travel grant (either non-qualifying or qualifying) and one educational grant.

Grant Categories and Further Information:

1) Qualifying Competition Travel Grant:

- Grant amount of up to \$300 plus registration fee reimbursement up to \$295
- Expenses eligible for reimbursement include costs related to travel, entrance fees, coaching fees, and hotel expenses.
- Skaters must submit receipts and verification of participation for grant funds to be received.
- Travel grants are offered to eligible members on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Must be a member in good standing for at least one year before the event.
- Must have fulfilled the volunteer requirement for that past year and be working toward fulfilling it for this year.
- Skaters can only receive this grant once per season.
- Qualifying Competitions are competitions that a skater or team must enter to qualify for a spot by obtaining points or placement (usually top 4 unless there are fill-in spots for Synchro and Adult Championship) to enter the next level of competition.

- Included (but not limited to) the following:
 - National Qualifying Series (one per season), National Excel Series (one per season), Sectionals and Nationals for singles, pairs, and dance
 - Collegiate National Championship events
 - Synchronized Team Nationals
 - Showcase Nationals
 - Theatre on Ice Nationals
 - Excel Series (only competitions that are included in the qualifying series)
 - “Championship” events at Adult Sectionals to qualify for Championship Silver, Championship Gold, and Championship Masters at Adult Nationals. All other age group-specific Bronze, Silver, and Gold events along with all showcase and interpretive events ARE OPEN EVENTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE QUALIFICATION and therefore are not eligible for this qualifying grant (but are eligible for the non-qualifying travel grant).

2) Non-Qualifying Competition Travel Grant:

- Grant amount of up to \$150 plus registration fee reimbursement up to \$295
- Expenses eligible for reimbursement include costs related to travel, entrance fees, coaching fees, and hotel expenses.
- Skaters must submit receipts and verification of participation for grant funds to be received.
- Travel grants are offered to eligible members on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Must be a member in good standing for at least one year before the event.
- Must have fulfilled the volunteer requirement for that past year and be working toward fulfilling it for this year.
- Skaters can only receive this grant once per season.

3) Entrance Fee Grants

- Qualifying Competition and National Championship entrance fee grants for skaters and teams.
- If the skater has already submitted and received a non-qual or qual travel grant, the skater can submit for a grant covering entrance fees if they compete in another qualifying competition. (For example: A skater may compete at sectionals and receive a travel grant and entry fee reimbursement for that competition. The skater may then compete at nationals and submit for reimbursement for entry fees).
- Entrance fees for each event that the skater qualified for up to a total of \$295.
- Each Synchronized Skating team, Showcase Ensemble team, and Theatre on Ice team qualifying for Nationals will be eligible for a maximum of \$750 to cover the registration fee per team for Nationals. (All members of the team must be members of Triangle FSC and the team must be representing Triangle FSC at the competition).

4) Educational opportunity travel grant (Max \$300 per person per season)

- For athletes, coaches, judges, officials, and prospective judges/officials who are home members of TFSC seeking to attend an educational opportunity (such as a coaching seminar, judges/technical panelist school, skating camp, etc.)
- The grant check will be processed on verification of your meeting/event attendance
- Travel grants are offered to eligible members on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Only one educational opportunity travel grant will be granted per year.
- Must be a member in good standing for at least one year before the event.
- Must have fulfilled the volunteer requirement for that past year and be working toward fulfilling it for this year.

5) Coach certification exam fee reimbursement (Total \$103)

- As USFSA takes over the coaching education from PSA, coaches will be required to obtain a USFSA coaching certification, for which there is a \$103 exam fee. This exam is required for coaches during the 2024-25 season. The club is offering a one-time reimbursement of \$103 to offset the cost of the exam fee.
- The application can be submitted after the volunteer hours are fulfilled. (The 3-week deadline does not apply.)
- Only one certification exam fee grant will be granted per coach.
- Must be a full-club member in good standing.
- Since this is a special program for the 2024-25 season, the volunteer hours can be fulfilled during the 2024-25 season.

Travel Grant Application

Eligibility:

- The skater/coach/official must be a home club member of TFSC and must have been a home club member a year before.
- The skater/coach/official must be in good standing with TFSC and must not owe any balances to the club or to the rinks.
- The volunteer requirements must have been met for the previous year and the applicant must be working toward the volunteer requirements for the current membership year.

Application Procedure:

1. A travel grant application must be completed by the participant (or parents of the skater if the skater is a minor) and submitted to the TFSC Board no later than three weeks after traveling to the competition or educational event for consideration (not applicable to coach certification exam fee reimbursement). All required signatures are needed for the application to be processed. All receipts and proof of participation should be submitted with the application. Applications should be submitted to the club treasurer via email to breaan.prefontaine@gmail.com and the board via email to info@trianglefsnc.org.
2. If the application meets all of the eligibility requirements, then the TFSC Board will review the application and make a final approval, via vote, if a travel grant should be granted and the amount of reimbursement.
3. Grant funds will be paid to the participant/parent/guardian within fifteen days of receiving the application, receipts, and proof of participation. Funds will be dispersed via check or Venmo (whichever the recipient chooses).

TFSC Grant Application

Applicant name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Parent name(s) (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of application: Click or tap here to enter text.

Which best describes you (please check one):

- Athlete Coach Official Aspiring official

Type of grant you are applying for (please check one):

- Qualifying competition (max \$300 plus up to \$295 in entrance fees)
 Non-qualifying competition (max \$150)
 Educational opportunity (max \$300)
 Coaching certification exam (max \$103)

Amount of grant funds you are requesting (the amount shown on receipts submitted or max amount allowed if receipts exceed that amount):

Please describe how you have fulfilled volunteer requirements for last year and how you are working to or plan to fulfill the volunteer requirements for this year. (Note that grant applicants must be members of Triangle FSC in good standing.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

If you are applying for a qualifying, non-qualifying or educational grant:

Date(s) of event: Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of event: Click or tap here to enter text.

Skating level (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Please provide a brief explanation of the event and your goals for attending:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Applicant signature (or parent/guardian if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

If this application is funded, I would like a:

check and the legal name on the check should be: Click or tap here to enter text.

Venmo payment and the Venmo account username is Click or tap here to enter text. and the last four digits of the phone number associated with the account is Click or tap here to enter text.

Email the application to breaan.prefontaine@gmail.com and info@trianglefscnc.org