



New South Wales Ice Skating Assoc Inc

Alan Blinn and Simone Moore Memorial Fund 2024

The Alan Blinn and Simone Moore Memorial Fund was established by NSWISA to honour two of our Administrators and Officials who lost their lives on Sydney Harbour on 28th March 2007.

Both Alan and Simone shared a passion for skating and contributed hugely not only to skating in Australia, but to skating around the world. Alan was an International Judge and President of NSWISA. Simone, an ISU Championship Judge and International Referee, had been newly appointed to the NSWISA Council. Their legacy will assist future generations of aspiring skaters to further develop their talent and achieve their full potential so that they may realise their skating dreams.

Who is eligible to apply?

Athletes must:

- Be a permanent resident of NSW
- Be a current member of NSWISA of not less than two years
- Represent NSWISA
- Have competed at a NSWISA sanctioned event in the past 12 months
- Be able to demonstrate commitment and desire to develop to a National and/or International standard of competition

And:

- Compete in Singles, Ice Dance &/or Pairs at a division which is contested at the Australian Figure Skating Championships; OR
- Have represented NSW at a National Championship or competed in an International event for Synchronized Skaters.

Applications may be for individuals in any discipline or Ice Dance, Pairs or Synchronized Skating Teams.

Once applications have been received, a committee selected by the NSWISA Board will determine who will receive the 2024 Memorial Fund Scholarships and the NSWISA Board will oversee the final decisions. The Memorial Fund will be allocated to athletes based on their applications as well as the impact that the funding will have on their season and careers. Applications with clear personal input from skaters will be viewed favourably.

The 2024 NSWISA Memorial Fund Scholarships will look to support skaters develop in the following areas:

- Sport specific skills
- Knowledge and education within our sport and the competitive scene
- Mental preparation and resilience within sport

Applications must be uploaded to [this link](#) **BY 11:59pm on Friday 6th September 2024.**



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The following information is provided to assist skaters in developing their applications for 2024 Scholarships:

Sport Specific Skills

To be used to assist with Inter-Club, Interstate & International Competition &/or International Training expenses.

Examples include using the Scholarship towards training with other coaches or skaters who are located at other rinks either internationally or within Australia. This is not limited to only on ice training. Off-ice trainers and dry land programs can make all the difference when it comes to improvement as well as injury prevention, to help keep the athletes in the sport for longer. A lot of athletes excel in the aspects of on ice however our sport requires a diverse skill set in that it requires tremendous strength, stamina and flexibility. Incorporating a dance class or trainer is also a good way for skaters to improve their abilities and understanding of the Program Components aspect of our sport.

Knowledge & Education Within Our Sport & The Competitive Scene

Scholarships may be used for skaters to contact and work with international coaches and choreographers. Skaters may want to participate in online or in person sessions with coaches and choreographers. Learning how and where to earn the most points in the area of Program Components is important and skating shouldn't be only about trying to improve technical abilities. Funds may be used to access domestic &/or international experts and may also provide an opportunity for international coaches and choreographers to get to know skaters and their coaches.

Funds may also be used to help international athletes with some of the expenses incurred when travelling to competitions overseas. These include flights, accommodation and the associated costs of travelling to competition with their coaches.

Mental Preparation In Sport

Figure skating is an incredibly physically demanding sport. It is also incredibly unique in the way that individuals or teams train, travel and compete. Skaters may use the Memorial Fund Scholarships to help with the expenses associated with a sports psychologist, a sporting manager, mentoring &/or coaching.

Mentorship from successful athletes or coaches within Australia or overseas to give perspective on what the experience is when travelling, competing, training and qualifying, and how to handle the stress associated with this is supported. For those at higher levels, information regarding how to ensure the best results possible within our sport and the importance of World Ranking points at the relevant stages may also be beneficial.

There are many different people in different roles that have either studied how to build mental resilience or have learnt from personal experience. This can be an invaluable asset to athletes and their coaches. Helping skaters learn to be able to not only focus for their events but also on a day-to-day basis to ensure they can reach their potential in all aspects of our sport is invaluable.