



Doug Shelley Skater Bursary

Skate Oakville is pleased to offer the Doug Shelley Bursary to a skater moving on to post-secondary education, demonstrating the same values that Doug, himself, displayed as a member of the Skate Oakville community.

Doug served as Skate Oakville's President for six consecutive terms and served several years as Treasurer. He was a key player during a time when our Club transitioned from "Oakville Skating Club" to Skate Oakville and moved to our new home in the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex. During Doug's time serving on the Board of Directors as well as President, he helped facilitate our current financial management process, adopted our web-based registration system and enjoyed the growth of Skate Oakville membership into "One of Canada's Largest Figure Skating Clubs." Also, along with the support of the Synchro Parent Committee, he was instrumental in re-integrating the Synchronized Skating Program into Skate Oakville's core program and governance structure.

This bursary was established in Doug's name to honour his hard work and dedication to our Club and skating community and his passion for helping our skater members achieve their goals.

The bursary will be awarded to a deserving skater based upon any or all of the following criteria:

Loyalty to Skate Oakville:

1. Continuous, involved membership in Skate Oakville
2. Participation in Skate Oakville events such as, but not limited to:
 - Gala's, Ice Shows, Club Competitions, Hosted Competitions
3. Skate Oakville volunteer commitments such as, but not limited to:
 - Serving as a Program Assistant, Playing Music, Helping at Competitions or other Events
4. Giving back to the sport by starting to Coach and/or Officiate

Commitment to Education:

1. An offer to attend an accredited University or College
2. A demonstrated commitment to academic excellence during their involvement in Skate Oakville

Applicants/eligible skaters must be a member in good standing with Skate Oakville. Applicants must personally apply for the bursary by writing an essay detailing their qualifications and justification for the award. The essay must be between 250 and 500 words. The bursary, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded annually. Skate Oakville reserves the right to not issue the award in the event an eligible applicant is not identified. **A copy of the offer to attend an accredited University or College is a mandatory requirement for application or confirmation of application.** The award recipient will be paid this bursary directly in support of their education.

A selection committee, established by the Skate Oakville Board of Directors, will screen the applications before providing qualified candidate essays to Doug Shelley to select the successful recipient.

Essay applications are to be sent to kim@skateoakville.ca with "Doug Shelley Bursary" clearly in the Subject/Title.

The application deadline is Friday May 23, 2025.