

Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club Guidelines for Skater Stipends

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The Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club (TGCFC) is “organized for non-profit and educational purposes to encourage all persons to participate in the sport of figure skating (and) to assist and support, financially or otherwise, Home Club Members in the training for, traveling to, and participation in U.S. Figure Skating (USFS) Regional, Sectional, and National Championships, including Junior National Championships and other competitions sanctioned in accordance with USFSA rules.”

Stipend funds allocated for each membership year are evaluated and voted on by the TGCFC board in October. The funds available are based on the Club funds which are raised for stipends through fundraising and other events.

Stipend payments are made in August for the previous year’s eligible events. To qualify for stipend payments, skaters must be full members for the entire previous membership year, and be in good standing for the current year for which they are applying for a stipend payment. In other words, two full years of membership are required in order to be eligible to receive a TGCFC stipend.

TGCFC does not normally award stipend payments for Regional Championship participants. If, after awarding stipends for Sectional and National participation, funds which are designated for stipends remain, the board may elect to open stipend application to Regional participants. Stipend funds and eligibility for Regional participants will be determined by board vote in October.

The amounts listed below are the maximum stipend allowances per event and are based on funds available. The board may determine that it is necessary to award lesser amounts. Only events requiring travel out of the Houston area are included for consideration for stipends.

Sectional Championships	Singles - \$250 ; Pairs/Dance - \$50 per skater (funds permitting)
Junior National Championships	Singles/Pairs/Dance- \$500 per skater
US Figure Skating Championships	Singles/Pairs/Dance \$1,000 per skater
Adult Sectionals (Non-qualifying events)	Singles/Pairs/Dance - (funds permitting) - \$25 per skater
Adult Sectionals (Qualifying events)	Singles/Pairs/Dance - \$100 per skater
Adult Nationals (Qualifying events)	Singles/Pairs/Dance - \$100 per skater
Regional Championships (Non-qualifying events)	Singles Events (Pre-Juvenile, Open Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile) - \$25
Regional Championships (Qualifying events)	Singles Events (Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior) - \$50
Membership Stipend	Full Home Club members who complete 25 or more hours of volunteer service to TGCFC may apply for a \$25 credit of club membership fees

The amounts shown above will be paid based on 1) the club’s ability to remain financially solvent, 2) avoid negatively impacting other sustaining programs and 3) the skater’s successful completion of the following.

1. Skaters must pay junior or senior level fees and declare themselves Home Club skaters of Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club.
2. Renewal Membership fee must be received by the Club Treasurer on or before July 1 for the new membership year after the participated in competitive events.
3. Skaters must be Full Home Club members of Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club for one full year before becoming eligible for a stipend.
4. Skaters must apply for stipends no later than June 1. Applications may be submitted any time after the requirements are met.
5. Skaters must volunteer for the benefit of the club to include:

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25 hours of documented volunteer time during the CURRENT membership year (July 1st - June 30th). Hours worked by the skater's family can be applied to the skater's total hours. Families with more than one skater applying for a stipend must collectively work 40 documented hours.

- Autumn Fest, Skate Houston and any TGCFSC Sponsored Ice show
- Test sessions
- Club ice
- Other opportunities as they occur

Volunteer hours may be awarded for donations of food commensurate with its value and preparation time. Volunteer hours may be awarded for fund raising activities commensurate with their value. Individuals serving on the Board of Directors, Skate Houston Chairs, and others as determined by the Board may be exempt from this policy.

Skaters are encouraged to wear the official TGCFSC Club jacket or other TGCFSC Club clothing at the competitions.

In addition to the above, the board will take into consideration the following when determining a skater's eligibility to receive a stipend payment:

1. Participation in approved mentoring activities for the benefit of Club members. Examples include elite skaters attending Club ice to mentor skaters, presenting at a Club seminar, or writing articles for the Club newsletter when asked.
2. Participation in periodic special stipend fundraisers including skating in TGCFSC sponsored shows, if any.
3. Agreement to allow TGCFSC to use their name, photos and any other likeness to promote the Club.

I have read and understand the 2010-2011 TGCFSC Stipend Guidelines.

Skater's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____