



Financial Stipend Policy

Effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club (TGCFC) is a non-profit organization that supports, financially or otherwise, club members in the training for, traveling to, and participation in US Figure Skating (USFS) 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 determined by the TGCFC board in August and are based on fundraising and other events.

Stipend payments are made *by June 30* for the current membership year 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 membership 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.

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/ US Pairs Final/US Dance Final	Singles/Pairs/Dance	\$250 per skater
US National Development Team	Singles/Pairs/Dance	\$500 per skater
US Figure Skating Championships	Singles/Pairs/Dance (Junior and Senior Levels)	\$1000 per skater
Team USA Assignment	Singles/Pairs/Dance	\$1250 per skater
Adult Sectionals (Qualifying Events)	Singles/Pairs/Dance	\$100 per skater
Adult Nationals (Qualifying Events)	Singles/Pairs/Dance	\$250 per skater
USFS Excel National Final and Festival (Qualifying Events)	Singles (Plus levels and Novice - Senior)	\$250 per skater

The amounts shown above will be paid based on the club's ability to remain financially solvent, avoiding negative impacts on other sustaining programs, and the skater's successful completion of the following:

1. Skaters must pay membership fees and declare TGCFSC their Home Club.
2. Skaters must be Full Home Club members of TGCFSC for one full year before becoming eligible for a stipend.
3. Renewal Membership fee must be received by the Club Treasurer on or before July 1 for the new membership year after the applicant participated in competitive events.
4. Skaters must apply for stipends no later than May 1 of the current membership year. Applications may be submitted any time after the requirements are met.
5. Skaters must volunteer for the benefit of the club to include:
 - a. 25 hours of documented club volunteer time during the CURRENT membership year (July 1st - June 30th)
 - b. 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.

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

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

1. Participation in approved mentoring activities for the benefit of club members (*e.g.*, 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 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.



Financial Stipend Application

Instructions: Complete form in its entirety and email to president@texasgulfcoastfsc.org

Today's Date: _____

Member (Skater) Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Member/Parent Email: _____

Member/Parent Cell Phone: _____

Stipend request for the following events:

Event #1

Competition : _____

Competition Date: _____ Competition Level: _____

Event #2

Competition : _____

Competition Date: _____ Competition Level: _____

Event #3

Competition : _____

Competition Date: _____ Competition Level: _____

_____ I have read and understand the 2022/2023 TGCFCSC Stipend Guidelines.

(Initial)

Skater Signature

Date

Parent Signature (if skater is a minor)

Date

For Club Use Only

Total Volunteer Hours: _____ *Check Released:* _____

Executive Board Approval: _____