

2023-24 CUSHMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

The BILL CUSHMAN scholarships are for members of the Midway Speedskating club who plan to compete Nationally or internationally in Speedskating competitions while pursuing a college education. Applicants must be a high school senior intending to attend college in the next academic year, a student currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at a recognized college or university, or an individual planning to resume their college education. Up to \$2000 Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the college or university of the applicants choosing to be credited to his or her account for the 2023-24 school year.

*If you are awarded the scholarship and you do NOT compete in the 2023-24 season you will have to pay back the money to Midway Club. Funds may NOT be used to support expenses for training, travel for competition, equipment or coaching.

Prerequisites: The requirements in order to be eligible for the Bill Cushman scholarship:

- o Current Member of Midway Speedskating Club
- o High school diploma
- o Registered for post-secondary education (must be able to provide transcript)
- o Training with a coach/program approved by Midway Speedskating Program Director, Coaching Staff and Board of Directors
- o Must have competed in the US Junior Championships (for ISU Jr Age athletes) and/or the US Sr Championships (for ISU Sr Age athletes) in the previous skating season.
- o Must have competed in the USS Am Cup racing series or an event at an equivalent or higher level in the previous skating season.
- o Full intention of competing in the upcoming speed skating season and attending identified competitions:
 - o * US Championships (Jr and/or Sr)
 - o * Am Cup Racing Series
 - o * International Competitions (if qualified)

IMPORTANT - The following criteria will be used by the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your application:

- **Completeness of application sent in on time. Incomplete Applications will not be considered**
- **Academic achievements, goals**
- **Quality of essay**
- **Letters of reference**
- **Level of skating experience and competitions**
- **School and community service**
- **Current member of the Midway Speedskating Club**

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1. PERSONAL

Name _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

Number	Street	City	State	Zip
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Phone _____

E-Mail _____

2. SPEED SKATING HISTORY

Year first registered with MIDWAY CLUB? _____

Speed Skating Experience, include competitions attended, awards, teams made, training camps. Please include Dates.

3. EDUCATION

Name of Current School _____

Extra-Curricular Activities & Awards

Include tutoring, student government, ROTC, volunteer coach, etc.

****ATTACH ALL AVAILABLE TRANSCRIPTS, INCLUDING MOST RECENT****
FROM HIGHSCHOOL OR COLLEGE YOU ARE ATTENDING

4. EDUCATIONAL GOALS

Name of University or School you plan to attend _____

Degree, you plan to obtain _____

Career you plan to pursue _____

5. APPLICANTS STATEMENT

Attach an explanation, (1 page max) describing

- **Your personal goals, for life, and for speed skating;**
- **School or community service experiences:** hospital volunteer, Scout leader, Eagle Scout, Volunteer fireman, volunteer coach, Habitat for Humanity, National Guard, EMT, etc.;
- **How THE CUSHMAN SCHOLARSHIP could help you.**

6. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit TWO signed letters of recommendation from people unrelated to the applicant: one from someone such as your coach or a friend, who knows your speed skating and lifetime experiences, and another from one of your teachers or someone who knows your academic performance and potential.

Letters of recommendation must be current , signed and dated. Please do not include previously submitted letters.

7. Completed Application, including all support documents must be sent electronically as PDF files on or before

March 20th, 2023 to Kim Nyquist, Scholarship Committee Chair, at mknyquist@gmail.com

Awards will be announced at Midway annual banquet.