

## **2026-27 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 2026-27 school year.

\*If you are awarded the scholarship and you do NOT compete in the 2026-27 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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## **3. EDUCATION**

Name of Current School \_\_\_\_\_

### **Extra-Curricular Activities & Awards**

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

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**\*\*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**

**April 3rd, 2026 to Kim Nyquist, Scholarship Committee Chair, at [mknyquist@gmail.com](mailto:mknyquist@gmail.com)**

**Awards will be announced at Midway annual banquet on April 12<sup>th</sup>.**