



## **CATHY MACHADO “CHADO” SCHOLARSHIP Application**

*Cathy Machado was the first Mexican-American to represent the United States at the Olympic Winter Games in 1956. She was also a 2-time US National Bronze Medalist. Machado, known as “Chado” by friends, grew up in Los Angeles and trained at the former Polar Palace. She would go on to make a life, teaching in the Los Angeles area. “Chado” was always a big supporter of local skaters and was present at our competitions. Machado passed away on Sept. 14, 2021.*

This is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the “Chado” Scholarship, and we remember her legacy, reminding us to dream big despite all perceived limitations:

***“Can you imagine a poor Mexican girl from LA going to the Olympics? The chances are practically nil.”***

***“I was in eighth grade when ... I wrote down that someday I would like to skate in the Olympics, join an ice show, own a T-Bird and a mink coat. I achieved them all,” Machado told Elvia M. Alvarado in an interview published in a 1984 CAMINOS magazine highlighting Hispanics and the Olympic Games.***

-Thank you, “Chado” for inspiring us ALL!

## **PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION**

The “Chado” scholarship is open to **ALL** SoCal skaters from affiliated member clubs.

### **Winner:**

The SoCal Interclub DEI Committee will select one winner based on their written submission\*. (450-600 Words)

\* Please read the writing prompts below.

The committee will take into consideration each applicant's articulation of what Diversity, Equity and Inclusion means and how it applies to their personal lived experiences. We look forward to hearing from the authentic voices within our skating community!

Prior winners are not eligible to apply. Prior applicants who were not selected as the winner may re-apply, with the understanding that the applicant should submit a new/updated/refreshed essay.

Winner will be contacted directly no later than November 15, 2024.

**Prize:** \$500

**Applications MUST be submitted to [socaldeimatters@gmail.com](mailto:socaldeimatters@gmail.com) by no later than, October 25, 2024 in PDF or WORD doc format.**

\*\*\*Applications that are incomplete at the time of submission will not be considered. \*\*\*\*

## **PART II – PRIOR WINNERS**

2023: Simone Somilleda – Figure Skating Club of Southern California

### **PART III - SKATER INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Skating Discipline(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Skating level: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (if age 18+): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part IV - WRITING PROMPTS**

Choose one or both of the following prompts and attach your written reply in 450-600 words:

**Prompt 1:** Why do you think it is crucial to celebrate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in our skating community? How do you or would you like to support DEI in the greater community?

**Prompt 2:** Tell us about a time that you felt “different” in skating and how you found a way to shine because of it. What allowed you to feel confident despite the circumstances?