

July 24, 2026

Dear Southern California Interclub Association Members,

In 2001, the Southern California Interclub Association of Figure Skating Clubs initiated a Memorial Grant Program in memory of Betty Sonnhalter, an official and member of the local skating community for many years. This grant was created to honor her many years of dedication to young ice skaters.

Applicants must be home club members of a Southern California Interclub Association member club.

This year four skaters will be selected by an Interclub committee from applications submitted by Interclub Member Club home club skaters. Skaters may apply in one of the following categories:

- Two will be awarded in competition levels Championship Track Juvenile or Intermediate, in Singles or Pairs Free Skate, or Couples Free Dance.
- One will be awarded in competition levels Championship Track Novice and above, in Singles or Pairs Free Skate, or Couples Free Dance.
- One will be awarded in competition levels Championship Track Juvenile/Open Juvenile and above, in Synchronized Skating.

Applicants will be evaluated in only one category identified by the applicant. Applicants must have competed in the selected category in the 2025/26 season (since 1 July 2025) at the required level.

The four recipients for 2026 will receive the \$500 grant later in the year. **Previous recipients in each category group are not eligible to reapply in the same group.**

Attached is the application for the Sonnhalter Grant. The application requires: (1) a signature from a Club Official, (2) that each applicant completes the forms on his or her own, and (3) the information provided is accurate.

Applications that are incomplete will not be considered. Applications that are not completed by the applying skater will not be considered.

Applications for 2026 must be received or postmarked by **September 26, 2026**.

Mail applications to:

Betty Sonnhalter Award
c/o George Rossano
P.O. Box 2451
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

Or e-mail to:

gsrossano@earthlink.net

What we do with your information:

Your information is not stored or retained in an electronic data system. Copies of your application are used by the three reviewers of applications. Following the selection of the grant recipients all copies are destroyed. Your information is only viewed by a total of four persons.

BETTY SONNHLATER GRANT APPLICATION

PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION

These awards are given to worthy skaters who have been recommended by their respective home clubs. Recipients are decided by a panel chosen by the Southern California Interclub Association. Consideration will be given to the skaters' or their families' financial circumstances. Applications must be received by the Sonnhalter committee chair not later than **September 26, 2026**

Recommendations will not be carried over to the next year. Applicant **MUST** fill out his/her own application, **NOT** the parent or coach. Applications that are incomplete at the time of submission will not be considered. Applications that are not completed by the applying skater will not be considered. Previous recipients are not eligible to reapply in the same category group.

PART II - SKATER INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Street: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Parent Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Club: _____ USFSA #: _____

Highest level competition activity in 2025/26 season for the grant category in which you are applying. Provide the competition level and competition where you competed, for the grant category in which you are applying. **You may apply in only ONE grant category.**

Singles, Pairs or Partnered Dance _____

Synchronized Skating _____

SKATING HISTORY

For example: how started, why started, how long, what rinks, etc.

COMPETITIVE RECORD

Highlights from previous two seasons (2024/25 and 2025/26 seasons)

GOALS FOR NEXT SEASON (2026/27)

For example: new skills goals, test goals, planned competition activity and goals

SKATING VOLUNTEERISM

For example: club activities, club offices, club committees, volunteer activities at Interclub events

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION AWARDS

For example: activities at school and volunteer or charitable activities in the local community (other than skating), awards other than competition trophies and medals (such as academic, community service, etc.)

PART III - HOME CLUB RECOMMENDATION

Club Officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Director): Only sign this recommendation if the applicant is a current home club member in good standing.

Club Officer: _____

Title: _____

Comments in support of application (optional):

I certify that the applicant is a home club member in good standing of the club and of U.S. Figure Skating.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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