

## **2021 ASU FOUNDATION APPLICATION FOR MEDALLION/MEDAL DONOR SCHOLARSHIP**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States (ASU) formerly the Amateur Skating Union of the United States was the successor to the American Skating Congress (established in 1868) and the International Skating Union of America (established in 1907). The purpose of the International Skating Union was, in part, to “regulate and control skating contests throughout the United States and Canada and between the two countries”. The International Skating Union of America was dissolved in 1927 and was succeeded by the ASU as the governing body over skating sport in the United States. In their capacity as the governing body for speed skating, the International Skating Union of America, and later the ASU, sanctioned and conducted “Outdoor” (Long Track) National and North American Age Class Championships beginning in 1891 for men and 1921 for women and Short Track National Age Class Championships beginning in 1906 for men and 1921 for women.

Distinctive medallions were awarded to the Long Track and Short Track National Age Class Champions and North American Age Class Champions when the competitions were held in the U.S. Distinctive medals were awarded for the first through fourth place finishers in the individual distance events. Names of the winners of the medallions include numerous U.S Olympic team members.

In 1976 the ASU embarked on a program to fund the purchase of National and North American Age Class Championship medallions and medals through the sale of sponsorships. In exchange, contributors to the Medallion Fund were given the right to designate a Medallion Award for a particular class in the name of a person or organization. Contributors to the Medal Fund were given the right to designate a set of medals for a particular class in the name of a person or organization. The particular class was to continue to be awarded the Medallions or Medals in the same name so long as the Fund was in existence.

In 2001 prior to the merger of the ASU and US Speedskating, control of the Medallion/Medal fund was transferred to the ASU Foundation. Following the merger in 2002, US Speedskating assumed the responsibility of sanctioning and conducting the Long Track and Short Track National Age Class Championships. When North American competition ended, sponsors of North American Medallions and Medals were given the opportunity to transfer their sponsorship to available National age classes.

Institutional, organizational, and staff changes at US Speedskating since 2002 resulted in changes to the National Age Class Championship competition to such an extent that the ASU Foundation has found it necessary to suspend its financial support for the purchase of medallions and medals for these meets. To continue to honor the medallion and medal sponsors, the ASU Foundation Board of Directors has decided to award a scholarship for post-secondary education to a Long Track or Short Track National Age Class competitor who meets the qualifications given in the application and best represents the traditions of sportsmanship, citizenship, and academic excellence that were hallmarks of the ASU.

## **2021 APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **MEDALLION/MEDAL DONOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants for an ASU Foundation Medallion/Medal scholarship 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 education in the next academic year at the college level.

**APPLICANT:** Complete all sections of this application. Use N/A in sections that don't apply to you.

The Covid-19 pandemic has dominated the news and disrupted the lives of everyone in 2020. The ASU Foundation understands that opportunities for training, and competition as well as for service to school or community were vastly curtailed. Recognizing these facts the Scholarship Committee will give greater weight to the applicant's academic achievement and the quality of the essay. In addition to the other factors listed below, the essay should include a discussion of the how hardships of the past year have impacted your life.

Send all documents as **PDF FILES** via e-mail to Greg Wong ([gregw94542@gmail.com](mailto:gregw94542@gmail.com)) referencing ASU Foundation Scholarship Committee.

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED VIA THE U.S. MAIL.**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT ON OR BEFORE **March 12, 2021.****

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants for the Medallion/Medal Donor Scholarship must have:

- Won at least one National Age Class Long Track or Short Track championship in a Masters class, the Senior (if offered), Junior A (Intermediate), Junior B (Junior), or Junior C (Juvenile) class within the past 10 years; or
- Won at least three (3) National Age Class Long Track or Short Track distance championships in a masters class, the Senior (if offered), Junior A (Intermediate), Junior B (Junior), or Junior C (Juvenile) class within the past 10 years,

Applications shall include:

- **Applicant's statement** (500 words or less) to include a description of how this scholarship will help you and what winning a National Age Class Championship or distance championship meant to you. Include a statement or discussion of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on your life. **Note that these scholarships are for post-secondary education. Scholarship funds may NOT be used to support expenses for training, travel for competition, equipment, or coaching;**
- **Copy of academic transcripts**, including the most recent;
- **Submit two letters of recommendation from people unrelated to the applicant: one from someone such as your coach or a friend, who knows you and 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 and dated. Please do not include previously submitted letters, however, if you are also submitting an application for an ASU Foundation scholarship, you may submit common letters of recommendation**

**IMPORTANT - The following criteria will be used to evaluate your application:**

- **Completeness of application,**
- **Quality of essay with an emphasis on the personal significance of winning National Age Class championship medallion or medals.**
- **Academic achievements as documented by transcripts,**
- **Letters of reference with an emphasis on the applicant's sportsmanship, citizenship, and academic achievement**
- **School or community service evidenced by applicant's statement or letters of recommendation,**

Applications, including all support documents and completed application must be sent electronically to Greg Wong at [gregw94542@gmail.com](mailto:gregw94542@gmail.com) on or before **March 12, 2021**. Awards will be announced in May 2021.

Please note that you may also be eligible to apply for the ASU Foundation Scholarship (separate application required). If you choose to apply for both and score among the group selected for award for both scholarships, you will receive the one with the greater monetary award. In the event that each scholarship provides the same level of award, you will receive one scholarship to be awarded at the discretion of the ASU Foundation Board of Directors

Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the college or university of the applicants choosing to be credited to his or her account.

**QUESTIONS: E-mail, Greg Wong at [gregw94542@gmail.com](mailto:gregw94542@gmail.com), Chair, ASU Foundation Scholarship Committee, or Robert Halden, President ASU Foundation, E-mail ([rhalden@windstream.net](mailto:rhalden@windstream.net))**

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**1. PERSONAL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street City State Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**2. QUALIFICATIONS**

**2a. National Age Class Championships won:**

Long Track: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Short Track: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**2b. National Age Class individual distances won:**

Long Track: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Short Track: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. EDUCATION**

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

Grade or Status \_\_\_\_\_

Other Schools Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Curricular Activities & Awards (Include tutoring, student government, ROTC, community service, etc.)

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**ATTACH ALL AVAILABLE TRANSCRIPTS, INCLUDING MOST RECENT**

#### 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 (1 PAGE MAX) TO INCLUDE

- Personal significance of winning National Age Class medallion or medals,
- Life experiences that exemplify your personal values of sportsmanship and citizenship
- Your personal goals, for life, and for speed skating,
- Participation in school or community service, examples: hospital volunteer, Scout leader, Eagle Scout, volunteer fireman, volunteer coach (non skating), Habitat for Humanity, National Guard, EMT, etc.
- How an ASU Foundation Medallion/Medal Scholarship could help you achieve your goals. Note that these are for post-secondary education. Scholarship funds may NOT be used to support expenses for training, travel for competition, equipment, or coaching.
- Statement or discussion of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on your life

#### 6. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit two letters of recommendation from people unrelated to the applicant: one from someone such as a friend, who knows you and your lifetime experiences, and another from one of your teachers or someone who knows your academic performance and potential. Letters of recommendation must be current and dated. Please do not include previously submitted letters, however, if you are also submitting an application for an ASU Foundation Scholarship, you may submit common letters of recommendation.