DID YOU KNOW.....

The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation was originally founded in 1975 under the name of “The Alberta Figure Skating Bursary Fund”. The name was later changed to **THE ALBERTA FIGURE SKATING FOUNDATION** (AFSF) to better reflect the mandate. The AFSF is a **not for profit organization** enabling the figure skater to develop their skills as an athlete and to promote their achievements whether they are at a recreational or competitive level.

The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation is **independent** of Skate Canada and the Alberta/NWT – Nunavut Section. The Foundation is administered by a Board of Trustees who are elected by the members of the Foundation at the Annual General Meeting held each year in June.

The mandate of the Foundation is to assist figure skaters at all levels in Alberta to realize their potential as athletes by promoting their development, skills and recognize achievements. This is done through a variety of activities, following a set of guidelines which are established and approved by the Board. These activities include: the Summer Skating School Program (formerly known as the Summer Scholarship), Wild Rose Competition, Triple / Quad Gold Awards, Sponsorships and clinics. The Foundation relies heavily on volunteers from the membership to help work the Wild Rose Competition and outside fundraising events (bingos, casinos) to raise the funds required to carry out our goals. Membership fees and donations are appreciated to sustain the Foundation and its mandate as well.

To promote and develop the figure skater, the Foundation provides the following:

1. **Summer Skating School Program**: The foundation provides funding to be used towards a Summer Skating School program whether it be for ice fees or a session (approved by the Foundation) to enhance the on ice performance (ie) fitness, stroking, jump classes etc. To be eligible for this funding you must be an active member of the Foundation for the summer you are applying for as well as being registered prior to January 1st of the same year. (Simply put, you must be a member in good standing for two years in order to qualify.)

2. **Wild Rose Competition**: An annual event sanctioned by Skate Canada that is recognized as a monitoring competition for competitive skaters. This is held on the August long weekend. Many volunteers are required to make this a successful event!

3. **Awards**: Recognizes skaters for their achievements in successfully passing their gold tests in three or four disciplines of skating (Freeskate, skills, dance and interpretive) as well as the Vipond and Ron Matchum bursaries. A skater can apply for either the triple or quadruple gold tests status with the Foundation and will receive a plaque for their achievements. You have up to two years from the date of the last gold test past to apply. These plaques will be handed out at the Skate Canada: Alberta/NWT-Nunavut Section AGM and Awards banquet usually held in

late April or early May. If you are a member in good standing with the Foundation, one ticket for you to attend the banquet is paid for by the Foundation.

4. **Sponsorships**: The Foundation provides financial support to the Alberta Junior Development team to promote the development of our future skaters.

5. **Clinics**: Provide financial assistance for clinics to skaters, coaches and judges to assist with promotion and development of figure skating. Clinic proposals are reviewed and approved by the Board.

The **membership** year is May 1st to April 30th of the following year. A club membership is $50.00 while a family is $25.00. The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation has been able to keep the fees affordable so all skaters can benefit to further enhance their potential as a figure skater in Alberta.

Still have questions regarding the Albert Figure Skating Foundation – Please contact us by email: albertafigureskatingfoundation@gmail.com

Membership Fees:	**Individual/Family**	**$25.00**
	Club	**$50.00**

AFSF MEMBERSHIP YEAR 20_____

Name of Skater(s) or Club: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Parent/Contact Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Address: _____

(City)_____ (Prov) _____(PC) _____

Phone Number: ( ) _____

Email Address: _____

Home Club: _____

Type of Membership: **O** Club - $50.00 **O** Family/Individual - $25.00 **O** Donation - $_____
(Please make cheque payable to: Alberta Figure Skating Foundation)

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