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SASSA High Performance Bursary

Purpose: The SASSA High Performance Committee has created SASSA High Performance bursary program to reward athletes that are dedicated to the Sport of Speed Skating and have demonstrated the potential to achieve excellence in the sport. These athletes will have proved this potential by having significant results at National Championships. The purpose of this funding is to recognize the achievements of these athletes and help support their development to eventually achieve National Team status. This bursary is meant to reward exceptional athletes; therefore it may not be awarded every year.

Qualifications: Athletes must be between 16-19 years of age in the season the Bursary is given. Skaters must compete at a minimum of two National Competitions in Short Track or Long Track to be considered for this funding. Any SASSA skater that meets the qualifications could be nominated. The individual must be a SASSA member in good standing.

Process: The SASSA High Performance Committee will make the decision on whether to award the bursary or not and who will be awarded the funding. This decision will be made annually in March following the receipt of nominations to the SASSA Office. Although not the sole criteria, preference will be given to athletes that finish in the top 5 at National Championships. Nominations can come from Club Coaches, the SASSA Provincial Coach or National Training Centre Coaches. They should include a list of National competitions attended, a brief summary of achievements and statement of endorsement from the nominator.

Funding Available: There will be a maximum of \$1,500.00 dollars awarded in the bursary program per year. The maximum an athlete can receive is \$500.00 dollars. The High Performance bursary will be given out to no more than 4 skaters per year.

Deadline: The deadline for nominations to the SASSA High Performance Bursary is March 1st.