



As a benefit to being part of VVFSC, the club offers its members an opportunity to receive competitor support. Skaters may qualify for said support if they meet the following criteria:

- Each skater must be a Full Member, Additional Family Member, Collegiate Member, Club Coach Member, First-Time Member, or Special Olympics Member of VVFSC for the membership year they request support.
- Additionally, each skater must meet the criteria for at least one of the types of competitor support available during the membership year they are requesting support:

Types of competitor support available:

1. **Individual Skater** - An individual skater can request support by having competed in at least one VVFSC-hosted competition during the membership year. Each skater must have accrued a minimum of 10 volunteer hours at VVFSC-hosted events for the membership year for which they are requesting support. The 10 volunteer hours can be made up of hours completed by the skater and/or the skater's family members or friends. Volunteer hours may be donated by another member if designated at the time of earning. Service on the VVFSC Board of Directors will meet the full volunteer hour requirement for that skater or one family member.
2. **Test-Only Skater** - A Test-Only skater can request support by meeting or exceeding the volunteer hours AND taking at least one USFS test during the membership year, but does not need to compete in any VVFSC hosted events.

Test-Only skaters qualify for half of the base support (Individual Skater) amount for that year. Each skater must have accrued a minimum of 10 volunteer hours at VVFSC-hosted events for the membership year for which they are requesting support. The 10 volunteer hours can be made up of hours completed by the skater and/or the skater's family members or friends. Volunteer hours may be donated by another member if designated at the time of earning. Service on the VVFSC Board of Directors will meet the full volunteer hour requirement for that skater or one family member.

- 3. Synchronized Skating Team** - Each individual team will be treated as one Individual Skater. The team can request support if the total hours volunteered by the team totals no less than twenty (20) hours. (Board member hours do not apply towards the team total.) The 20 volunteer hours can be made up of hours completed by team skaters and/or their family members or friends. Volunteer hours may be donated by another member if designated at the time of earning. ***For skaters that might qualify for both individual and team support, hours must be accrued separately and designated at the time of volunteer sign-up.***

#### Base Support

- All skaters who have met the above qualifications will receive equal (or half for test-only skaters) competitor support to be determined by the VVFSC Board of Directors based on profits from events hosted by VVFSC during that membership year.

#### Additional Support

- The VVFSC Board of Directors may vote to award additional support to skaters or teams who have participated in an event requiring qualification during that membership year and have met the criteria listed above. Such additional awards shall be determined based on available funds during that membership year.

- For members who graduate high school and decide to enroll full-time in higher education, the club shall gift a one-time, four-year collegiate membership to the graduating skater upon request. If requesting this type of support, members should email [president@vfsc.org](mailto:president@vfsc.org) with the request.

*PLEASE NOTE: In the event of a membership year where one of the annual VVFSC hosted competitions is cancelled or not held, the minimum volunteer hour requirements to receive support will be halved (i.e. the 10 hour minimum to receive Individual Skater support will be 5 hours in a membership year where only one VVFSC event is hosted).*