

## **TIER IV INFORMATION**

Alaska Association of Figure Skaters values the service activities of its members, and, through various fund-raising activities, tries to reward their service by partially reimbursing the skaters for selected costs incurred towards participation in the following competitions:

Far North Competition  
Top of the World Competition  
One National Qualifying Series Competition  
Pacific Coast Sectional Competition  
USFS National or Junior National Figure Skating Championship  
National Collegiate Championship

The expenses eligible for possible partial reimbursement are limited to commercial transportation cost (plane fare for skater only or cost for rental vehicle or fuel cost for private vehicle), commercial housing costs, competition fees and practice ice fees.

### **Requirements**

The applicant skater must be a full home club member of AAFS. If a parent wishes his/her community service hours counted for the reimbursement, the parent should hold an Individual or a Full Family membership of AAFS.

### **Service**

Any club-approved or club-designated volunteer service performed for AAFS counts towards the reimbursement. Participation in one AAFS show (Christmas or Spring) counts as 3 hours of service, and participation in both shows counts as 5 hours of service. Examples of eligible service include, but are not limited to, any fundraising activities for the club, helping with AAFS shows (Christmas or Spring), helping with the Skate with Us program, helping with the Far North Competition or Top of the World Competition, service as a board member, or junior board club service projects. Parental supervision of a skater is not considered service.

## Tier IV Calendar

Tier IV reimbursements are processed in March for the service accumulated over the previous calendar year, that is, from January 1 to December 31. The forms are usually available during January, and can be obtained from any AAFS board member upon request, or from the AAFS website ([www.akafs.com](http://www.akafs.com)). The completed forms must be postmarked by February 28. No hand deliveries are accepted.

## Hours Needed for Eligibility

A minimum of 8 hours of service per family will be required to be eligible for reimbursement for the Far North Competition.

A minimum of 12 hours of service per family will be required to be eligible for reimbursement for the Top of the World Competition.

A minimum of 14 hours of service per family will be required to be eligible for reimbursement for the Far North and the Top of the World Competitions.

A minimum of 18 hours of service per family will be required to be eligible for reimbursement for the Top of the World and the Pacific Northwest Regional Competitions or for the Pacific Northwest Regional Competition only.

An additional 4 hours of service per family will be required to be eligible for each additional competition listed above.

## Documentation

For each expense the applicant should provide a copy of the cancelled check, a credit card statement or a receipt. A copy of the competition entry form should also be attached. All service activities and hours must be verified by the organizer or the supervisor of the respective activities. All documentation must be submitted with the application form.