

THE COST OF AN OLYMPIC ATHLETE



FIGURE SKATING

COACHING

\$40,000+

PER YEAR

Many top-level skaters move their residences to be closer to their desired coach and training rink, incurring extra moving and living costs on top of the coaching fees.

CHOREOGRAPHY

\$10,000

PER PROGRAM

Each competition requires multiple routines. The Olympics require two. Skaters may, however, pull from previous years of choreography.

OFF-ICE TRAINING

\$2,000

PER YEAR

This includes body training like weights and cardio, and technique development like ballet and yoga.

COSTUME

\$5,000

EACH

High-end designers are now in the figure skating costume design game, which requires breathable, comfortable material that won't malfunction.

TRAVEL

\$10,000

PER YEAR

Many skaters must also pay for their coaches' travel to and from competitions.

SKATES

\$1,500

PER PAIR

Boots and blades are customized based on the style of skating and the skater's preferences. Multiple pairs are needed.

TOTAL

\$68,500

*These are averages/estimates based on information from the following sources:

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