

**Why Skating is Inspiring**  
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I love skating because you get to put skates on and you have a good skating teacher. You can learn so many new things and get better at it. You can show off for the can skaters and you can have a solo. And, sometimes if you're lucky, you can tach the can skaters.

I love skating because you can learn a new thing every day. Skating takes hard work and a good effort of competing against other skaters for the judges. You can win a gold, silver, or bronze medal from a competition and hold a bouquet of flowers. You can have pictures taken of you at competitions and maybe go on television if you are famous.

You can have a parent or a grandma take you to the rink and make or buy you dresses. When you go to the rink you canroll there with your skate bags and you can put on and take off your skates too. When I step on to the ice, it feels so good to just skate around waiting for Margo or Maureen to teach me and skate with my friends.

I like to read books about skating and watch, and write about skating. When I skate around. Once and a while I gethot and take off my skating sweater. I like to show my skating teachers what I've learned so far and I do what they tell me to do. I do what I do. I try to make it nice and pretty when I show the skating teachers too. I'm so happy and thankful to have the priviledge of skating. After skating is over, I take off my skates to help my grandma.

When I get on the ice, I feel so happy insude to have one or two hours of skating on Tuesdays and Saturdays. When skating is half over, I really want to skate for way more hours than that. I love to skate on the ice. Even, if the water turns into ice, I'll skate on it and if I can, I'll do if for fun on Sundays – if I can that is. When I have Maureen Knight as a skating teacher, I start to show her dance – and same with my other skating teacher – Margo. I wnt to skate really fast at forwards, and backforwad crosscuts. When I want to lift my leg up higher, for a spiral or a catch, I just try to get it at least an inch higher and keep my head up. I really want to skate with good pride. I really want to contine skating and have the ability to skate nice. I like to keep trying harder. Every day I do my solo at least twice, and my routines. I really want to be on television too. I will properly never stop skating. Skating is so inspiring in a thousand different ways. This is what I love about skating.