



## NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN ROLLER SKATING ARCHIVE

**“Everybody’s got a roller skate story...what’s yours?”**

### Audio/Video Interview Instructions

- Review the questions, then using a cassette recorder and standard audio-tape or a video camera (send VHS format only), record your answers to the questions below in order
- Record in a quiet place to limit background noise
- Speak clearly and at a moderate speed
- Do not read the question before answering.
- Restate the question as part of your answer, for example:
  - Question: How long have you been rollerskating?
  - Answer: I have been rollerskating for 25 years.
- Answers questions in a story telling manner, for example:
  - Question: What age did you begin roller skating?
  - Answer: The first time I roller skated was around age thirteen. A group of friends and I rode the city bus to the roller rink on weekends and eventually, I got really good at it. Skating has easily become one of my favorite hobbies.
- Label the recording with your full name, complete address, phone number, and date.
- Submit your interview to NAARSA with a completed submission form at **[www.OurFamilySkateAssociation.com/submission-form](http://www.OurFamilySkateAssociation.com/submission-form)** or mail to OFSA, P.O. Box 41236, Washington, DC 20018

## **Sample Interview Questions**

1. State your full name or skate name.
2. How long have you been roller skating?
3. What age did you begin roller skating and where?
4. Tell me about your first roller skating memory.
5. Has roller skating been a way your family bonds, something you've done with friends, a community activity, or primarily an individual experience?
6. Have you, or any individuals that you know of, participated in roller skating clubs, competitions, or performances within the African American community?
7. Have you or others been exposed to, trained, or competed in the figures, dance, or freestyle forms of roller skating?
8. What roller skater inspires you the most and why?
9. Which roller rinks had a positive impact on you and your community?
10. Have you roller skated in other parts of the country or world? If so, where and how were you received by the natives? Do you recall any differences in the "Style" of roller skating, music or the rink?
11. What kind of music do you like to roller skate to?
12. Do you skate a specific 'Style'?
13. In your experience, what kind of people roller skate?
14. What are the benefits of roller skating as it relates to the community?
15. Discuss the impact roller skating has had in your life.

## **Closing Remarks:**

"Everybody's got a skate story," what yours? Please share your most memorable roller skating experience and submit your skate story to **[www.OurFamilySkateAssociation.org](http://www.OurFamilySkateAssociation.org)**. Thank you."