



LAKES AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

2026-2027 SEASON

ADOPTED: 09/02/2026

Purpose

The Lakes Area Hockey Association's (LAHA) mission is to ensure that all children in our community have access to youth hockey, regardless of their family's financial situation. This policy outlines the process for awarding need-based financial assistance for registration fees in a fair, consistent, and confidential manner.

Overview

- Scholarships apply to **registration fees** only.
- Awards may cover 25%, 50%, or 75% of the registration fees based on need and the availability of funds.
- Awards are not based on player ability or skill level.
- Families are eligible to apply for and receive scholarship awards in successive years, as long as there is a demonstrated need
- All information is kept strictly confidential and reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
 - The Scholarship Committee will make a recommendation to the LAHA Board of Directors and the LAHA Board of Directors will approve all scholarship requests.
 - Families names will not be provided to the LAHA Board of Directors and will be kept strictly confidential by the Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility

- Players must be in good standing with LAHA, MWAHA, and USA Hockey.
- Families must have no outstanding balances from previous seasons.
- Applicants must complete the Scholarship Application Form.

Evaluation & Scoring

- Each Application is scored on a 1-5 point-scale in four categories:
 - Household Income
 - Public Assistance Status
 - Special Circumstances
 - Number of Children Registered in LAHA

Maximum total score: 20 points

Award Scale

- 5 points or fewer: May be deferred depending on fund availability
- 6-10 points: 25% off registration
- 11-15 points: 50% off registration
- 16-20 points: 75% off registration

Volunteer Requirement

Families receiving financial assistance are expected to complete standard LAHA volunteer commitments and are strongly encouraged, but not required, to go beyond what is expected.

Fundraising Requirement

Families receiving financial assistance are expected to complete standard LAHA fundraising commitments and are strongly discouraged, but not required, from buying out your fundraising commitment.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed by the LAHA Scholarship Committee which consists of the Vice President, Treasurer and Registrar. The Scholarship Committee will review applications and score each application based on a predetermined and approved scoring rubric. The Scholarship Committee will then make recommendations for approval to the LAHA Board of Directors. In the event of ties or otherwise unclear results, the LAHA President may provide final decision.

Appeal Process

If an applicant believes the scholarship award provided is insufficient to meet their demonstrated financial need and that the player may be unable to participate in hockey as a result, the applicant may appeal the awarded amount to the LAHA President.

Appeals must be submitted in writing via email to the LAHA President within seven (7) days of receiving notice of the scholarship award. The appeal should explain the circumstances supporting the request for additional assistance. The LAHA President will make the final determination on award amount based on their discretion.