

## Hopkins Youth Hockey Association Financial Aid/Scholarship Policy

Hopkins Youth Hockey Association (HYHA) is committed to making the game of hockey available to as many kids as possible who have the desire to participate in the sport, regardless of ability to pay.

Each year HYHA offers financial assistance (scholarships) to families demonstrating need. HYHA budgets for a scholarship pool of funds at the beginning of each fiscal year. These funds are finite, so scholarship approvals take into account individual need and volume of applications received, in order to help as many kids as possible to explore hockey as a sport.

Scholarships assist with HYHA registration and fall clinic fees only; other incidental costs related to participating (equipment, travel costs, etc) remain the responsibility of each family.

Scholarships are reviewed and awarded annually by the HYHA Executive Committee. Application information and scholarship status are kept confidential.

### **Scholarship process:**

1. All families requesting a scholarship must complete the Scholarship Application found on [the HYHA website](#).
2. All scholarship applications must be submitted to [secretary@hopkinshockey.com](mailto:secretary@hopkinshockey.com). **The deadline for applications is 2 weeks before travel registration closes.**
3. After all scholarship applications have been submitted and reviewed, applicants will be notified of their scholarship status before the registration deadline for the upcoming season.
4. Scholarship awards will include a specific scholarship code to be used for the online season registration process. Sharing of this code with anyone will result in forfeiture of scholarship approval.

### **Scholarship levels**

Maximum scholarship levels are as follows, but lower percentage amounts may be awarded, depending on individual needs and overall volume of qualified applications:

- Mite/6U/8U: 100%
- Squirt/10U: 75%
- PW/12U: 50%
- Bantam/15U: 50%

The primary goal of the scholarship program is to help get kids on the ice and begin their youth hockey journeys. For that reason, the maximum scholarship percentages decrease as players get older. Bantam and 15U players are generally not eligible for scholarships, except in exceptional circumstances for individual families.