



Leafs Hockey Club Financial Hardship Program

The Leafs Hockey Club is committed to providing memberships to all families who wish to participate in our hockey programs. Our Financial Hardship Program is intended to provide a reduced fee to families who otherwise would not be able to participate in our hockey programs due to financial constraints. Eligibility is limited to members who submit a timely request for a waiver of fees and meet our assistance guidelines.

Assistance will be considered and granted based on the following criteria:

- Availability of funds
- Financial need of the parent(s) and/or player applicant
- Special personal circumstances of the parent(s) and/or player applicant
- Dedication to the club, team and financial obligations
- Essay from skater/player (Bantam and Midget Only)

Criteria for Hardship Program

1. Proof of financial need must be demonstrated to qualify for a scholarship (a copy of the most recent Federal Form 1040/A- First Page Only)
2. Copies of two (2) of the most recent pay stubs, or unemployment compensation stubs, from each parent which show year--to--date income must be provided.
3. A brief letter explaining your situation and any special circumstances for why financial assistance is sought.
4. A signed hardship application form must be completed and be submitted to the Finance Committee. All information on the application must be true and accurate. Assistance is legally recoverable if paid and awarded on the basis of false information.
5. Payment plans of the reduced fee must be adhered to after accepting assistance. Participants may be removed from the hockey program if payments are not received in a timely manner under the agreed upon installment plan.
6. Assistance limited to one program per family member per season. **All application information is treated with Confidentiality.**

For consideration all information must be completed and submitted to:

Andy Zaletel, VP of Finance
801 Wesemann Drive
West Dundee, IL 60118
Finance@LeafsHockeyClub.com

All applications must be received by the dates outlined and posted on the Leafs Hockey Club website.

Not everyone who applies will be granted assistance. Hardship Program assistance is not a talent based award. Each player receiving assistance must also demonstrate dedication through consistent attendance at team practices and games and exhibit positive sportsmanship. Volunteerism is an important component of the program. It is the responsibility of each family receiving assistance to meet and adhere to all guidelines set forth in the Leafs Hockey Club Payment and Refund Policy and to reciprocate through active participation in the organization, including volunteering above the current Parent Participation requirement to help the Club. Failure to adhere to these guidelines can result in forfeiture of the hardship program assistance.

Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. The VP of Finance will receive and number both the top and the bottom portions of the applications. The Personal Information (names, addresses and phone numbers) will be separated from the rest of the application. The VP of Finance will provide the Scholarship Committee with the Application Information only. The Scholarship Committee will meet on or around August 20th to determine who will be granted assistance and the dollar amount to be awarded. All applications will be reviewed thoroughly and assistance will be determined based on availability of funds and after assessing needs and situations of all applications. Recipients will be notified by the VP of Finance. Assistance will be credited to the family account for the current hockey season. All assistance recipient names will remain confidential.

Receipt of hardship assistance does not guarantee placement in the hockey program. Members must meet all eligibility requirements for participation and abide by all club rules.



Leafs Hockey Club Financial Hardship Program Application

Applicant Personal Information

Application No. _____

Player Name: _____

Team: _____

Player Level: Mite Squirt PeeWee Bantam Midget

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Primary Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Amount of assistance requested: \$500 \$1000 (circle one)

I hereby apply for Hardship Program Assistance to go towards fees for the child listed above for the current hockey season. I understand that hardship assistance is granted based on fund availability and on application criteria. Should my child decide to stop playing during the season for any reason, the hardship assistance will be returned to the Leafs Hockey Club Hardship program account. I further understand that should the Finance Committee become aware of any falsified information on this application that any assistance will be forfeited and returned to the Leafs Hockey Club.

I understand that payment plans under the Hardship Program Awards must be adhered to after accepting assistance and that members may be removed from the hockey program if payments are not timely received under the agreed upon installment plan.

I understand that applying for Hardship Assistance does not automatically result in receiving assistance. I certify the information included in the application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attachments Required

- Copy of the most recent Federal Form 1040/A (first page only)
- Copies of two (2) of the most recent pay stubs, from each parent, which must show your year---to---date income must be provided.
- A brief letter explaining your situation and any special circumstances for why financial assistance is sought along with the amount of assistance needed.
- Player Essay (Bantam and Midget required, optional for other levels).

LHC Scholarship Committee Use Only:

Date Application Received: _____ Application Complete/Not Complete

Date Application Reviewed by Committee: _____ Hardship Awarded: Yes/No

Feedback (if needed):

Please provide a brief letter or statement explaining your situation and any special circumstances for why financial assistance is sought along with the amount of assistance needed:

Describe the ways in which you have been involved with the Leafs Hockey Club in the past. List coaching, managing or other volunteer time you have provided to the organization.

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Player Essay (required by Bantam/Midget and optional for other age groups/typed or handwritten)