



Policy and Procedures: Scholarships

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Purpose

A central tenet of Twin Cities Queer Hockey Association (“TCQHA”) is making hockey available for everyone. We recognize ice hockey can be an expensive endeavor and thus, TCQHA would like to mitigate the cost of ice hockey by providing scholarships to those who wish to play but may face financial barriers. TCQHA is proud to support our community as much as possible.

Eligibility

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must:

1. Be a registered or prospective member of TCQHA (a “Member”)
2. Demonstrate financial need, as reasonably determined by TCQHA (documentation may be required); and
3. Maintain good standing under the TCHQA Code of Conduct and other TCHQA policies which may be in effect from time to time. Members suspended due to Code of Conduct violations are ineligible to receive a scholarship. A copy of the Code of Conduct will be provided upon request.

Scope

Scholarships may cover all or part of the following:

1. Uniforms and equipment
2. League play and/or clinic fees
3. TCQHA-hosted tournament fees
4. Other TCQHA related fees as approved by the TCQHA Board of Directors.

As a part of the scholarship program, TCQHA may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, also offer payment plans to lower the financial burden of the above listed fees. The TCQHA Board of Directors reserves the right to limit payment plans to those who can demonstrate financial need. Documentation supporting the request may be required. Documentation may include bank statements, tax returns and/or paystubs.

All payment plans must be satisfied by the end of the season or at the end of the tournament, whichever may be applicable. Any default in payment by a Member on their payment plan may result in the inability of such Member to register for future seasons pending full payment of their payment plan obligation.



Scholarship applications and payment plan requests, whether accepted or denied, will not automatically carry over to subsequent seasons. Members that wish to apply for another scholarship or payment plan must do so prior to the beginning of the next season or tournament, as applicable. To ensure fairness and equity among Members needing financial support, Members may not receive a scholarship for more than two consecutive seasons, including TCQHA-hosted tournaments.

Application Process

Members requesting a scholarship must follow the below steps prior to registration for the then-upcoming season, or before the first skate if joining TCQHA mid-season:

1. Complete the online application at TCQHA.org
2. Include in the application the scholarship applicant's name and a description of the details of the request e.g., dollar amount requested, payment plan requested, and the reason for the request .

Requests not made according to the steps above will not be considered.

Upon receipt of the request, the Board of Directors will review within 14 days and provide a response to the applicant in writing, after which time the Member can complete the registration process.

Terms and Conditions

Scholarship recipients must uphold TCQHA standards of conduct according to the Code of Conduct. Scholarships may be revoked if a scholarship recipient breaches TCQHA rules or misrepresents their eligibility for a scholarship.

Confidentiality

All applications and supporting documentation will be treated confidentially. Any supporting documentation will be deleted upon the approval or denial of the request. .