



MASON CITY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Financial Assistance Scholarship

Purpose

The Mason City Youth Hockey Association (MCYHA) believes every child should have the opportunity to participate in youth hockey regardless of financial circumstances. The Player Financial Assistance Scholarship Program helps reduce financial barriers for families experiencing financial hardship while encouraging volunteerism, accountability, and commitment to the association. Scholarships supplement, not replace, a family's financial responsibility and are awarded based on demonstrated financial need, available funding, and compliance with program requirements. All applications and supporting documentation will remain confidential.

Scholarship Philosophy

Financial assistance is intended for families who would otherwise experience significant hardship in providing their child the opportunity to participate in youth hockey. Financial hardship may include loss of employment, medical expenses, unexpected family circumstances, single-income households, multiple children participating in youth sports, or other documented financial challenges. Receiving a scholarship is not guaranteed.

Scholarship Award Eligibility – Per Player

Financial assistance scholarships are awarded on a per-player basis. Each eligible player may receive a maximum of one (1) MCYHA scholarship award per season, regardless of family structure, household arrangements, or the number of parents/guardians financially contributing to the player's participation.

In situations involving separate households, shared custody, or multiple responsible parties, parents/guardians are encouraged to work together when completing the scholarship application. The financial circumstances impacting the player's ability to participate may be considered as part of the review process; however, only one scholarship award will be approved per player per season.

Scholarship funds are applied directly toward the player's eligible MCYHA registration fees and expenses approved by the association. Scholarship awards are not divided between households and are not paid directly to parents/guardians.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Player must be a registered member of the Mason City Youth Hockey Association for the season in which assistance is requested.
2. Applicants must demonstrate a legitimate financial hardship that limits their ability to pay participation fees. The Scholarship Committee may request supporting documentation to verify financial need.
3. The player and family must be in good standing with MCYHA, MWAHA, and USA Hockey and remain in good standing throughout the season.
4. The player must commit to participating for the full season unless prevented by injury, illness, or other approved circumstances.
5. Scholarship families must complete 20 additional volunteer hours during the season. These hours are in addition to all standard parent game duties, tournament assignments, team responsibilities, and other volunteer expectations required of all MCYHA families.
6. Applicants must apply for the Gabe Fleming Memorial Hockey Scholarship and submit proof of application with the MCYHA scholarship application.
7. Applications must be complete, signed, include all requested documentation, and be submitted by the published deadline. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered.
8. Scholarship awards are determined annually based on demonstrated financial need, available funding, and individual family circumstances. Award amounts may vary, and assistance is not guaranteed from year to year.

Recipient Responsibilities

- Represent MCYHA in a positive manner.
- Follow all MCYHA, MWAHA, USA Hockey, and SafeSport policies.
- Complete all required volunteer hours.
- Notify MCYHA if financial circumstances significantly improve after receiving assistance.

Confidentiality

All financial information and supporting documentation will remain confidential and will only be reviewed by the designated Scholarship Review Committee and authorized Board representatives.