



Jim Meece Memorial Scholarship

Purpose of the Scholarship

This scholarship, established in memory of former Francis Howell **Coach Jim Meece**, a beloved hockey coach and community leader whose impact on the game and the lives he touched extended far beyond the rink. The scholarship seeks to honor his legacy by recognizing a student-athlete who demonstrates excellence in **leadership, sportsmanship, academic commitment, and community involvement**.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the Jim Meece Memorial Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **High School Senior** currently playing on a recognized high school or youth hockey team.
- Minimum **GPA of 2.5 or higher** on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrated **leadership and sportsmanship** on and off the ice.
- Active involvement in **community service or volunteer work**.
- Plans to attend a **college, university, trade school**, or other accredited post-secondary institution.

Selection Criteria

The scholarship committee will evaluate applicants based on:

1. **Leadership in Hockey**
 - Displays positive leadership among teammates.
 - Acts as a role model on and off the ice.
 - Demonstrates commitment, discipline, and teamwork.



2. Academic Achievement

- a. Maintains consistent academic performance.
- b. Balances athletic and academic responsibilities with integrity.

3. Community Involvement

- a. Actively contributes to the local community through volunteering, mentoring, or other service efforts.
- b. Embodies the values of respect, compassion, and service.

4. Character & Personal Values

- a. Demonstrates the qualities Coach Meece valued: honesty, dedication, humility, and a passion for helping others.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed **application form** (if applicable).
- A **personal essay** (500–750 words) addressing:

“How have hockey, leadership, and community shaped who you are, and how do you hope to carry forward the legacy of Coach Jim Meece in your life?”

- One **letter of recommendation** from a coach, teacher, or community leader.
- An **unofficial transcript** verifying GPA and academic standing.
- Documentation of community service (hours, description, etc.) if applicable.

Award Amount

- A one-time scholarship of **\$500.00** to be awarded to one recipient annually.

Deadline and Notification

- **Application Deadline:** February 29, 2026
- **Recipient Notified:** At Annual Banquet