

BLOOMINGTON YOUTH HOCKEY

Scholarship & Financial Assistance Policy

Purpose

Bloomington Youth Hockey (BYH) believes every child should have the opportunity to participate in youth hockey regardless of financial circumstances. The Scholarship & Financial Assistance Program exists to provide limited financial assistance to families demonstrating financial need while maintaining the long-term financial stability of the organization.

Scholarship funds are limited and awarded based on demonstrated need, available funding, and the applicant's score under the BYH Scholarship Evaluation Matrix. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval or funding.

Eligibility

- Be registered or intending to register for a Bloomington Youth Hockey team.
- Be in good standing with BYH.
- Submit a completed application by the published deadline.
- Provide all required supporting documentation.
- Demonstrate financial need.

Scholarships are awarded for one season only; families must reapply each season.

Required Documentation

- Most recent Federal Income Tax Return (first two pages)
- Two most recent pay stubs for all wage earners
- Public assistance documentation (if applicable)
- Documentation supporting special financial circumstances (if applicable)

Scholarship Awards

Scholarships may be applied toward BYH registration fees and other Board-approved hockey-related expenses. Awards cannot be applied toward prior season balances. Funds are credited directly to the player's account. No award shall exceed 75% of registration fees. The Board may award less than requested based on available funding.

Family Responsibilities

Families remain responsible for uncovered registration fees, fundraising, volunteer obligations, travel, lodging, meals, and equipment not specifically approved. Failure to remain in good standing may result in loss of scholarship benefits.

Volunteer Requirement

Scholarship recipients must complete 15 volunteer hours by January 31. Eligible opportunities include fundraising, tryouts, conditioning clinics, tournaments, registration, locker room supervision, team support, and Board-approved events. Failure to complete hours may result in repayment of up to \$500 and/or loss of future eligibility.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed confidentially by the BYH Board of Directors using the Scholarship Evaluation Matrix. Board members with a conflict of interest must recuse themselves. Board decisions are final.

Scholarship Evaluation Matrix (100 Points)

Financial Need (60): <150% FPL=60; 150-200%=50; 201-250%=40; 251-300%=30; 301-350%=20; >350%=10.

Multiple Players (10): 1=2; 2=5; 3=8; 4+=10.

Special Circumstances (20): Job Loss(5), Medical(5), Single Parent(3), Disability(5), Death(5), Divorce(3), Temporary Crisis(3), Other(1-5), max 20.

Volunteer History (10): Exceeded=10; Met=8; Partial=4; None=0; first-year families may receive up to 8 points.

Recommended Award Guidelines

95–100: up to 75%

90–94: up to 65%

80–89: up to 50%

70–79: up to 35%

60–69: up to 25%

Below 60: Generally not eligible (Board discretion).

Annual Budget & Confidentiality

Awards are limited to Board-approved scholarship funding and may be reduced proportionally if requests exceed available funds. All applications, supporting documentation, discussions, scoring sheets, and decisions remain confidential.

BOARD USE ONLY – Scholarship Evaluation Worksheet

Player Name: _____

Birth Year Team: _____

Season: _____

Date Reviewed: _____

Board Members Reviewing: _____

Section 1 – Financial Need: _____ /60

Household Size: _____ Annual Income: \$ _____

Section 2 – Multiple Players: _____ /10

Section 3 – Special Circumstances: _____ /20

Notes:

Section 4 – Volunteer Participation: _____ /10

Volunteer Notes:

Total Score: _____ /100

Recommended Scholarship Percentage: _____ %

Registration Fees: \$ _____

Recommended Award: \$ _____

Board Action

Approved: YES / NO

Approved Percentage: _____ %

Approved Amount: \$ _____

Conditions:

Board Member Signatures:

Date: _____