**The Tanner Johnson Memorial Hockey Scholarship**

Tanner Johnson dedicated over 40 years of his life to hockey as a player, coach and referee, profoundly impacting the Grand Forks community through his unwavering competitive spirit and passion. In honor of Tanner’s legacy and to foster opportunities for young athletes, the Johnson family is proud to present the Tanner Johnson Memorial Hockey Scholarship.

**About the Scholarship**
Each year, 2 scholarships will be awarded—one for an athlete in the girls’ program and one in the boys’ program—covering the full cost of season registration (or equivalent) with the Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association. The scholarship will be offered annually, with funding provided as long as resources remain available and the Johnson family is a part of the Grand Forks Youth Hockey community.

\*If an athlete already has qualified for scholarship assistance through GFYHA for registration costs, equivalent funds will be provided to the athlete and their family to use for associated equipment and travel costs.

**Eligibility & Selection Criteria**
The following criteria reflect Tanner’s values: commitment, perseverance, and character—both on and off the ice.

1. **Financial Need**
Applicants must meet **one** of the following:
	* Qualify for the reduced lunch program with Grand Forks Public Schools or neighboring districts.
	**OR**
	* Have 2 or more family members participating in Grand Forks Youth Hockey programming.
2. **Commitment to Participation**
	* Applicants must demonstrate a strong desire to participate and a willingness to commit for the full hockey season.
	* The athlete must maintain good standing within the Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association and with USA Hockey.
3. **Character & Sportsmanship**
	* Candidates should embody respect, integrity, and leadership, serving as a positive model for their teammates and peers.
	* Sportsmanship is valued both on and off the ice. Coaches from prior seasons (if applicable) may be contacted to speak to the applicant’s character.
4. **Personal Reflection (optional)**
To help us learn more about an applicant’s passion for hockey and their personal journey, you may submit a short video with the athlete answering the following:
	* What are the top three things you have learned, or hope to learn, through hockey?
	* Describe a moment in your hockey experience so far that made you especially proud. How has it impacted you?
	* How would receiving this scholarship help you grow on and off the ice?

**How to Apply**
Applications—including the **optional** video—can be submitted [here](https://forms.gle/aEAzFK92eeL3M1Vs9). All application information is kept confidential within the family. Applications will close 5 days before the registration deadline to allow time to review all applications and provide funding to the recipients. If you have any questions or technical issues with your application, please contact Brittany Johnson at (701) 899-0391 for assistance.

If you wish to donate to the Tanner Johnson Memorial Hockey Scholarship Fund you can do so [here](https://venmo.com/u/Brittany-Johnson-714) or by scanning the QR code to the right. Note Tanner Johnson Memorial Hockey Scholarship in the comments.

