

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Bloomington Youth Hockey (BYH) will offer a limited number of scholarships each year to enable families who may not otherwise be able to play hockey due to individual financial circumstances. This Scholarship Program is open to any eligible Bloomington Recreational Hockey House or BYH Travel Hockey team player. Scholarships are considered and granted on an individual, case-by-case basis. Families may request assistance with league fees, hockey instruction, or equipment.

Applications must be submitted in writing and include information regarding the amount of assistance needed. The scholarship application form is available below. Scholarship applications are due no later than September 1ST and may be mailed or emailed to the address below. Decisions will be made within 30 days, and applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision. A financial statement may be required from applicants, and scholarships cannot be applied to a previous year's balance. The application process and awards are strictly confidential.

BYH Travel Team players requesting financial assistance must pay all required expenses, including registration fees, equipment/jersey fees, and the player's portion of team fees, until a decision has been made regarding the request for financial assistance. Should a scholarship be awarded, the player's guardians are responsible for paying any expenses or fees, including team fees, in excess of the scholarship award on time throughout the season. Failure to pay expenses or fees in excess of the scholarship award may result in the immediate suspension of the player's scholarship award and playing rights within BYH.

All scholarship recipients or their families are required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer work per season and volunteer when requested by the BYH Board of Directors and/or the player's Team Manager or coach, provided sufficient notice is provided and there are no scheduling conflicts. The guardian of the player receiving a scholarship is responsible for maintaining a record of volunteer hours completed and producing that record to the Scholarship Committee if requested. The volunteer hours requirement must be fulfilled by January 31st. Failure to meet the volunteer hour requirement may result in the loss of the scholarship and/or a \$250 fee charged to the player's account.

The Scholarship Committee shall consist of three members, at least two of them being BYH Board members, and shall solely be responsible for reviewing every scholarship application and allocating available scholarship funds. Award amounts will be based on the number of applications received and the scholarship money available. Awards will be applied to the approved applicant's account or to Bloomington Recreational Hockey at the discretion of the BYH Treasurer and are restricted to the approved applicant.

Applications may be mailed to the BYH Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 3454, Bloomington, IL 61702-3454, or emailed to the BYH Treasurer at treasurer@bloomingtonyouthhockey.com.