



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose

The purpose of the AMHL Scholarship Program is to provide players who currently are participating or have recently participated in the Alberta 'AAA' Midget Hockey League (AMHL) who are of good character, have demonstrated hockey ability, and who qualify academically, with financial assistance to further their education at a recognized Post-Secondary Education Institution.

Eligibility

Scholarships may be awarded to the following players:

- Players who are currently registered with an AMHL member team.
- Players who have graduated from the AMHL and are no longer eligible to play midget hockey, as outlined by the Hockey Canada registration guidelines, who participated for a minimum of two years in the AMHL, provided such application for scholarship is made no later than one year following the last year registered with an AMHL member team.
- No individual may receive more than one AMHL Scholarship

Number and Value of Scholarships

At the present time, it has been determined that there will be a maximum of 18 scholarships, each valued at \$2,000 (effective 2015-16), awarded annually one for each team of the AMHL.

Scholarship Selection Committees

To facilitate the selection of the Scholarship Award Recipients, there will be two (2) Scholarship Committees established one in each of the North and South Division. The respective Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of the following:

- 1 member of the AMHL Executive
- 3 – 5 members appointed and/or selected by the AMHL Board of Governors and AMHL Executive

The Members of the Scholarship Selection Committee should not be related to any of the Scholarship applicants in any given year.

Application Procedure

Scholarships will be awarded on a “by application” process, meaning that players must apply for the scholarship. Each AMHL Member team will be provided with an application form for distribution to their players. Players seeking a scholarship may request an application form from the AMHL Scholarship Committee or a member team. All completed applications will be sent directly to the AMHL Scholarship Committee, in the respective Division. Applications must be received by the AMHL Scholarship Committee (Division Commissioner) by last regular scheduled league game of the current hockey season.

Valid Applications will include the following:

- Copy of the most recent High School Transcript
- Copy of record from Post Secondary Institution verifying full-time attendance and academic standing, if attending such.
- Details of all other scholarships and financial awards known to date and listing of all other applications made for scholarships and/or financial assistance
- At least two (2) Letters of Reference from high school teachers, hockey coaches, members of the community
- List of scholastic, athletic and community activities and awards
- A short paper, of not more than 250 words entitled "What playing in the Alberta 'AAA' Midget Hockey League has meant to me".

Criteria for Scholarship Award

Scholarships will be awarded to those candidates judged most deserving by the respective Scholarship Selection Committee. The Committee's decision will be final.

Full consideration will be given to the following factors:

- Applicants citizenship and leadership qualities
- Applicants hockey ability and sportsmanship displayed based on the information provided with the application
- Applicants scholastic standing
- Applicants financial needs, based on information provided

Awarding of Scholarships

Players will not receive funds directly from the AMHL Scholarship Program for their own use. Successful recipients of the AMHL Scholarship will be provided with a letter from the AMHL Scholarship Committee congratulating them on their successful application. The letter will also outline the process and timeline by which the AMHL Scholarship may be collected. Only successful recipients will be contacted by the AMHL Scholarship Committee.

Generally, each recipient will be given a letter which they will forward to the post-secondary institute for completion. Once completed, the letter will be returned by the post-secondary education institute that the player is attending to the AMHL Scholarship Committee which will request the funds from the AMHL Scholarship Program on behalf of the recipient. The requested funds will then be sent directly to the post-secondary institute for credit to the applicants account.

Players will have up to December 31, of the year that is five calendar years from the date of awarding (e.g. if awarded in March of 2016, the player has until December 31, 2021 to collect the scholarship). All uncollected scholarship funds will be forfeited by the recipient and returned to the Scholarship Fund for distribution by the AMHL Scholarship Committee.



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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

AMHL Team: _____

Players Name: _____

Address: _____

(City or Town)

(Province)

(Postal code)

Telephone No.: () _____ DOB: _____

School Attending: _____

Grade Level: _____

Education Ambitions: _____

Career Ambitions _____

Interests & Hobbies: _____

Attachments: _____

**Forward Hard Copy Applications to Division Commissioners
(Neil Robertson / South – Bob Olynyk / North)**

