

LAKELAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Academic Scholarship Award

I. MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

The Lakeland Hockey Association Scholarship program has been designed to provide recognition for academic achievement, leadership potential, and dedication to amateur hockey as demonstrated through participation in this Association. Through this award the Association is investing in students and their future by providing financial assistance for many of this area's finest young men and women to receive a college education.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Candidates for a scholarship must be:

1. An active hockey playing member in good standing of the **Lakeland Hockey Association** at the time of application.
 - a. A waiver can be granted for proven illness or injury.
 - b. A waiver can be granted if a team can not be formed to meet the caliber of competition-level that a player has become accustomed to playing. (Example: Midget AA team could not be formed due to lack of players. Association players are then forced to sign with another association who do provide such a program.)
2. A senior or graduate of an accredited high school.

B. Candidates for a scholarship must have participated on a Lakeland Hockey Association team for a minimum of **six (6) full seasons** (Sept. through Feb.).

C. Candidates for a scholarship must meet each of the following criteria.

1. Have previously applied for admission to an accredited college with a two or four year program.
2. Hold an accumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale covering a period of their sophomore year through the end of the first semester of their senior year.

III. SELECTION CRITERIA

A. The following factors will be weighted when making selection:

1. Longevity with the Association
2. Accumulative Grade Point Average
3. ACT and/or SAT scores
4. School Activities
5. Community activities
6. Leadership roles
7. Honor and/or other awards
8. Work experience
9. School attendance records
10. Counselor's recommendation
11. Coach's recommendation
12. Personal statement regarding future goals.

IV. AWARD PROCEDURE

A. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications received on or before the February 15th deadline.

B. The Scholarship Committee will select and notify the award winner/s by phone and confirm by mail on or before February 25th.

- C. Award winner/s must notify the Scholarship Committee of their acceptance of the award on or before March 2nd or the award will be forfeited.
- D. The Scholarship Committee will announce the award winner/s to the Association's general membership on or before March 8th.
- E. The Award winner/s will be requested to make themselves available for public relations duties such as:
 - 1. Presentations of the Scholarship/s at that years sanctioned Association banquets.
 - 2. Media related events:
 - a. Pictures
 - b. Newspaper releases

V. AMOUNT AND PAYMENT OF AWARDS

- A. The Scholarship Committee will present awards not to be less than five hundred dollars to each recipient. The number of recipients and amount awarded could vary each year depending on the number or selected applicants and funds available.
- B. Checks will be issued in September and January with the following percentage of distribution of the total award:
 - 1. September = 50% and January = 50%
 - 2. Checks will be made payable to the award winners.
 - 3. **Recipient must send a copy of their course transcript and proof of payment towards tuition to the LHS Scholarship Committee before payment will be issued.**
 - a. Immediate notification must be given to the Scholarship Committee if the student decides not to attend school in the term specified on the award.
- C. The duration of this Scholarship Award is for a one (1) year period from July 1st of the year granted through June.
 - 1. A waiver can be granted for proven illness or injury.

VI. CANCELLATION OF AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

- A. The Scholarship Award can be cancelled in those cases where:
 - 1. Recipient fails to maintain an accumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale from time of application through graduation from high school.
 - 2. Recipient fails to register for the term and year stipulated in the Scholarship Award.
 - a. Award can be reinstated if proof can be shown of registration for the subsequent term.
 - b. A waiver can be granted for proven illness or injury.
 - 3. Recipient registers with a college that is not approved by the Scholarship Committee.
 - 4. Recipient brings discredit upon him/herself, their families, or this Association through actions that are not acceptable under law or the Association's Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules.
 - 5. Recipient fails to use the Scholarship during the duration of the award as specified in Section V. Article C above.
 - 1. A waiver can be granted for proven illness or injury.
 - 6. Recipient voluntarily cancels award.

VII. TERMINATION OF AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

- A. The Scholarship Award can be terminated in those cases where the student:
 - 1. Fails to maintain the minimum standards of acceptance at the school of choice.
 - 2. Voluntarily terminates enrollment.
 - 3. Involuntarily terminates enrollment

4. Brings discredit upon him/herself, their families, or this Association through actions that are not acceptable under law or the Association's Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules.
5. Fails to use the Scholarship during the duration of the award as specified in Section V.C. above.
6. Voluntarily terminates award.

The Lakeland Hockey Association Scholarship Committee reserves the right to revise this document.