



Buffalo Youth Hockey Association  
ATTN: BYHA Financial Assistance Committee  
PO Box 184  
Buffalo, MN 55313

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#### BYHA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BYHA has established a Financial Assistance Program to help parents and families in meeting their financial commitments for participation in Buffalo Youth Hockey programs. The program provides financial assistance and grants to those who may find themselves in a situation which would otherwise prevent their children from participating in BYHA programs. Assistance is available toward Ice Fees and limited equipment purchases. We encourage all families to participate in our Christmas Wreath selling program that allows families to earn money toward their ice fees but understand that not all families are in a position to fully utilize this option.

Families receiving financial assistance may be asked to provide volunteer hours in areas outside the normal Dibs process – these hours may be established volunteer opportunities or other forms of volunteer activities mutually agreed upon by the recipient and BYHA. An example of this might be helping with the maintenance and setup of the Dibs system and tracking members' volunteer hours worked.

In order to be considered for financial assistance, an application form must be completed and returned to the BYHA Treasurer. All applications and information will be held in complete confidence. The Treasurer and two other Board Members – the Assistance Committee - will be privy to the information. The Assistance Committee will review all requests and respond to each applicant. The Assistance Committee may request additional documentation at any time during the review process or at a later date.

All applications for the season must be received by October 15th. Each application will be reviewed by the Assistance Committee and a decision will be made prior to the start of tryouts. An “emergency” assistance application would be considered during the season if a true emergency situation were to arise. Some examples might be a death or serious injury or illness in the family, an unanticipated job loss, or something equally significant. In general, a family income of more than \$50,000 per year would not be considered for financial assistance.

Please submit the completed Assistance application to the above address or drop it in an envelope in the billing box at the arena to the attention of the treasurer.