

2026 Shannon O'Hara Memorial Scholarship



Shannon O'Hara passed away on January 6, 2012 at the age of 13 after a nine month battle against an inoperable brain tumor.

Shannon was a good teammate and friend who loved the game of hockey.

In Shannon's memory, and in conjunction with the Rochester (MN) Youth Hockey Association, the O'Hara family established the Shannon O'Hara Foundation to help fund scholarships for higher education.

Criteria/Eligibility:

- Rochester high school graduating senior - 2026
- Rochester Youth Hockey (RYHA) program participant
- Pursuing post-high school education
- Two letters of recommendation - these must be sent directly to the scholarship committee
- Personal essay

Information:

We will be awarding at least two (2) **\$3000 scholarships**, as selected by our scholarship committee. This is a one time award, applied to your fall semester tuition.

Please email a completed application and your essay to; info@shannonoharafoundation.org or send via mail to:

Shannon O'Hara Memorial Scholarship
1314 Willow Lane SW
Rochester, MN 55902

**** Applications emailed or postmarked after January 5, 2026 will not be accepted****

Ask your references to send their letters of recommendation to the above address or they can be emailed to: info@shannonoharafoundation.org

If you have questions, please contact:

Jennifer O'Hara at info@shannonoharafoundation.org or 507-269-2817.

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Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Cell phone _____

Parents/Guardians _____

Current High School _____ GPA _____

College(s) you are considering _____

Years of participation with RYHA as a player _____

List any RYHA involvement during high school - coaching, refereeing, volunteering etc.

Years (if any) of participation on your high school hockey team _____

List two personal references and ask them to send their letter or recommendation directly via email to: info@shannonoharafoundation.org

Reference Name: _____ Email _____ Phone _____

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Essay prompt: Shannon learned at a young age that being part of a team was a joy and a privilege. In your essay, explain how you have been a good teammate and a leader in hockey, in school, or in other areas of your life.

Applicants may use AI tools for brainstorming and initial essay drafting. However, the final essay must reflect the applicant's unique voice, experiences, and thoughts. The committee may question any application where the writing seems to lack a personal voice or authenticity. By submitting this application, you attest that the content is your own work.

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