



## **EDDIE OLCZYK AWARD APPLICATION 2018**

### **What is the Eddie Olczyk Award Program?**

The Chicago Blackhawks organization is pleased to partner with Blackhawks Television Analyst Eddie Olczyk and Chicago Blackhawks Charities for the seventh annual Eddie Olczyk Award, which supports youth hockey players, teams and organizations in Illinois that may not have the means to play at a competitive level.

Since its inception in 2011, the Eddie Olczyk Award has distributed more than \$362,000 in grants, raised through Blackhawks Youth Hockey Summer Camps, to 160 individuals and eight organizations. Those who wish to be considered for this season's grant process must submit a letter of inquiry by Thursday, February 1, 2018. Eligible parties include individuals and families in need of assistance for participation in an Illinois-sanctioned team or organization, sanctioned teams in need of assistance for tournament expenses, and Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA) organizations in need of assistance to run programs which increase the participation in and quality of youth hockey.

A 2012 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee and native of Palos Heights, Ill., Olczyk is now in his 12th season as the television analyst for Blackhawks hockey on NBC Sports Chicago and WGN-TV. In 2016, he received the Chicago Athletic Association's Ring Lardner Award, which honors broadcasters and writers who "exemplify the wit and warmth of Ring Lardner's writing."

A veteran of 16 National Hockey League seasons, Olczyk began his career as an 18-year-old with his hometown Blackhawks in 1984-85 after being chosen with the third overall selection of the 1984 NHL Entry Draft. Olczyk recorded 77 goals and 209 points in 322 regular-season tilts over five seasons with Chicago (1984-87, 1998-2000) and tallied 13 points (7G, 6A) in 21 Stanley Cup Playoff tilts with the Blackhawks.

Over the course of 1,031 regular-season games he scored 342 goals and recorded 794 points with Chicago, Pittsburgh, Toronto, Winnipeg, the New York Rangers and Los Angeles, winning a Stanley Cup with the Rangers in 1994, and was also a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic team. Olczyk also serves as the lead television analyst for NHL national broadcasts on NBC Sports Group.

## **How do individuals/families, youth hockey teams and/or AHAI organizations request a monetary grant from the Eddie Olczyk Award?**

Grants are awarded by Chicago Blackhawks Charities in response to applications received from individuals/families, teams, and AHAI organizations serving the youth hockey community that meet the following requirements:

- **Individuals/Families** in need of assistance for their son/daughter to play ice hockey with an Illinois sanctioned team or organization (includes fees and travel expenses, excludes equipment)
- **Teams** in need of assistance for tournaments, including travel and/or tournament costs
- **AHAI organizations** in need of assistance to run programs that increase the participation of youth hockey within their club

Grants are awarded by Chicago Blackhawks Charities in its sole discretion, and are not subject to review. Not all applicants will receive a grant.

### **HOW TO REQUEST A GRANT**

**An individual/family, team and/or AHAI organization interested in receiving funding consideration for the Eddie Olczyk Award is required to submit a completed Letter of Inquiry ("LOI") by **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**.**

#### **The LOI must include the following:**

- Cover letter with your name, applicant's name, mailing address, phone number and email address.

#### **For individuals/families:**

- A two-page letter describing why you are seeking grant support;
- Please attach one (1) copy of the following required documents:
  - Transcript and discipline records from most recent school
  - Copies of parent or guardian's most recent IRS federal income tax return 1040 or 1040A, including supporting tax schedules (if applicable)
  - Supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Workers' Compensation (if applicable).

#### **For teams/organizations:**

- A two-page letter describing your club's or organization's mission and the program for which you seek grant support. Be specific about the program's intentional goals, target population, operations and outcome measurements from the previous year of program operation;
- Please attach one (1) copy of the following required documents:
  - IRS 501(c)3 - most recent federal tax exempt determination letter (if not a 501(c)3 organization, state the applicable IRS tax status classification)

- Most recent audited financial statements or IRS990 (if audit not available)
- A list of members of the board of directors

**To request an application, please mail, email or fax a Letter of Inquiry (“LOI”) to:**

**Eddie Olczyk Award Application**  
**Attn: Annie Camins**  
**Chicago Blackhawks**  
**1901 W. Madison St.**  
**Chicago, IL 60612**  
**312-455-7070 (fax)**  
[acamins@chicagoblackhawks.com](mailto:acamins@chicagoblackhawks.com)

**Please postmark or email all materials for your LOI by the deadline to the address above.**  
You will be notified as to whether or not you will be asked to submit a full grant application.

If you have questions, please email Annie Camins at [acamins@chicagoblackhawks.com](mailto:acamins@chicagoblackhawks.com).

Each organization, team or individual submitting a request may be contacted after initial research to set up a meeting or site visit to gather further information. Grant applications are provided after the meeting or site visit if the organization meets appropriate criteria.

There is no guarantee of annual support. Grants will be reviewed and processed by the Eddie Olczyk Award Advisory Committee. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. The Advisory Committee meets once a year to review applications. Selection criteria includes financial need and the conclusions the Advisory Committee might draw from a personal interview as to the individual’s personal and financial situation, character, ability and potential.

Approximate Deadlines\*:

Feb. 1, 2018: LOI due

March, 2018: Selected applicants will receive an EOA Application or rejection letter

April, 2018: Applications due

June, 2018: Applicants contacted via email or letter

*\*dates are approximate and are subject to change*