

**ROGER SHARRER “GROW HOCKEY” AWARD
2026-27 APPLICATION
MID-AMERICAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

PURPOSE

Funds received from the Roger Sharrer “Grow Hockey” Award shall be used exclusively to grow or increase participation in recreational ice hockey. All local hockey associations, including adult associations, within the Mid-American District of USA Hockey are eligible to apply. Applications are due by **April 25, 2026**. Applications must be submitted in electronic format as PDF documents and EMAILED as an attachment to:

Mid-Am Administrator at administrator@midamhockey.com

Program awards consisting of funding will be provided to local hockey associations, who in the opinion of the Mid-American Hockey Association Board of Directors, offer the best plan(s) for growing participation in recreational ice hockey in their area. Successful applicants will be notified in June and announced on the Mid Am web site and recognized at the Mid-American District Annual Meeting. Awards for the Roger Sharrer “Grow Hockey” Program selected in June will be for the 2026-27 hockey season. All checks will be written to the association making application.

Award recipients agree to provide periodic updates as to how funds are being used and how recreational ice hockey participation is being impacted by the award. They also agree to register ALL participants in their program with USA Hockey, including those impacted directly by the award, agree to offer USA Hockey Try Hockey For Free events and agree to be in compliance with all USA Hockey ADM initiatives.

ROGER SHARRER “GROW HOCKEY” PROGRAM FOCUS

USA Hockey endorses the American Development Model (ADM) as the “gold standard” for growing “youth” hockey participation. The USA Hockey web site www.usahockey.com, has information about growing hockey participation for Youth with the ADM, along with growing adult recreational hockey and hockey for disabled and special needs athletes. Mid Am will provide a financial award for programs and associations wishing to begin or expand recreational hockey activities.

COMMON ITEMS / REQUESTS	TYPICAL COSTS	GENERALLY EXPECTED LOCAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
Hard Side Rink Dividers	\$7,000	50% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Soft Side Style Rink Dividers	\$2,000	50% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Small Goals (Set of 2) Learn To Play / 8U	\$600	50% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Intermediate Goals (Set of 2) 8U/10U	\$700	50% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Goal Tender Equipment	\$500	25% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Quick Change Goal Tender Equipment	\$300	25% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Youth Equipment Bag / Package	\$225	25% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Straight Sticks – Learn To Play / 8U	\$20	25% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Reversible Game/Practice Jerseys	\$30	25% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Adult Equipment Bag / Package	\$325	25% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Sled Hockey Sleds	\$700	25% Cost Sharing + Shipping
Sled Hockey Equipment	Varies	25% Cost Sharing + Shipping
All Other Requests - Local Program Should Demonstrate 50% Cost Sharing.		
If requesting funds to defray ice costs for Try Hockey For Free or Learn To Play events, don't include those in a Roger Sharrer Award Application. Mid Am funds those request outside of the Roger Sharrer Grow Hockey Awards.		

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this form completely and accurately. It is an editable PDF document. Save it as a completed document and submit the saved document. For budgeting purposes, total awards are generally limited to \$5000 per request. If you have questions regarding this portion of the application, please email Kathy Santora at kathy@santora.us. Application must include a copy of completed W-9 form.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Association Name:

Association USA Hockey Number:

Primary Application Contact:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code

Phone: Email:

Mailing Contact Person:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip Code

Phone: Email:

Ice Arena: Arena Contact:

Is the Ice Arena a member of the U.S. Ice Rink Association? Yes No

Does your association have a Board of Directors? Yes No How many members?

Does your association have an approved, Annual Budget? Yes No

Does Mid Am have list of current Board Members? Yes No If "NO" attach a list of Board Members.

Does Mid Am have a copy of your governing documents (Bylaws & Rules and Regulations) on file? Yes No

If "NO" attach a copy of Bylaws & Rules and Regulations.

Has your association received a Roger Sharrer Grow Hockey Award in the past 3 years? Yes No

If yes, please describe any Roger Sharrer Award received within the past 3 years:

YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS

Did your association run a Try Hockey For Free event(s) in the past two seasons?

2024-25 Yes No Number of Events Dates Total Participants All Events.

2025-26 Yes No Number of events Dates Total Participants All Events.

Does your association run Learn To Play Hockey? Yes No If yes, describe your Learn To Play Program:

Does your association have a House League Program? Yes No If yes, how many teams each
age classification? 8U & Younger 10U 12U 14U 16U/18U

If you have an 8U or 10U House League Learn To Play program, please describe below:

Number of Players Number of Teams Number of Practices Number of Games

Typical Practice Day & Time Typical Game Day & Time

Number of Seasons / Sessions Number of Weeks Per Season / Session

Does your association offer Equipment Rental? Yes No

If so, do you charge a rental fee? Yes No If yes, what is the fee charged?

Does your association have Travel teams? Yes No

If your association has Travel teams, what league(s) do they play in?

Does your association have Tier II teams? Yes No

Does your association offer Girls Hockey specific programs or activities? Yes No If yes, describe below:

DISABLED HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS

Does your association provide Disable Hockey programs? If so which disciplines?

Adult Sled Youth Sled Warrior Special Standing/Amputee Blind Deaf/HH

ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS

Does your association provide Adult Hockey programs?

Learn To Play Beginner Hockey Recreational Hockey

ROGER SHARRER GROW HOCKEY AWARD REQUEST

What category(s) of recreational hockey do you plan to impact with your Roger Sharrer Grow Hockey Award?

- Try Hockey For Free
- Youth Learn To Play
- Youth 6U / 8U House Hockey
- Youth 10U / 12U House Hockey
- Youth Recreational Hockey
- Girls Hockey Programs
- Disabled Hockey Programs
- Adult Learn To Play / Beginner Hockey / Rec. Hockey

Describe your plan(s) to grow recreation hockey in the category / area(s) of hockey identified above:

Provide a detailed description, including total costs, on any needed equipment, supplies and/or services to be funded by the Roger Sharrer Grow Hockey Award being requested. Please research and identify any vendor(s) being considered and include any bids, invoices or bills you may have related to your request.

Equipment, Supplies, Services	Total Cost
Grand Total	

What is your anticipated timeline for implementation?

What are your specific goals of the program and how will success be measured?

Do you anticipate any potential problems in implementing your plans, and if so how do you plan to address them?

Lastly, what are you hoping the impact of this award will be for your association?

NOTE: If any section does not provide enough space, please submit on a separate sheet. Please save the completed application with all supporting documents as a single pdf file.