



Matt Smith Memorial Hockey Scholarship



Matt Smith was a beloved hockey coach here in Indy who lost his life much too soon in August of 2015, but not before he had greatly touched the lives of the youth hockey and adult hockey communities here in the greater Indianapolis area. The Indianapolis Youth Hockey Association (IYHA) and the family of Matt Smith have established a scholarship program in Matt's honor to make youth hockey more accessible to participants who demonstrate a financial need.

The Matt Smith Memorial Hockey Scholarship (MSMS) is funded by private donations and fundraising throughout each season. IYHA encourages all families who feel they need assistance with hockey fees to apply. Guidelines and application link are available below.

Application deadlines:

- Tier 1 AAA/Indiana Elite Boys and Girls deadline April 10, 2024
- Tier 2 (Girls and Gold/Black/Red/White) deadline April 10, 2024
- 317 Hockey League applicant deadline July 19, 2024

Late applications will not be considered. Failure to supply all requested information will result in the application being rejected for consideration.

IYHA Scholarship Committee will review all applications and notify applicants of a decision by:

- April 13, 2024 for Tier 1 AAA/Indiana Elite
- April 13, 2024 for Tier 2 Gold/Black/Red/White/Girls
- July 24, 2024 for 317 Hockey League

The identity of applicants will not be disclosed to coaches, teammates, or the public.

Application Requirements:

Please have the following information available to complete this application:

1. Copy of the most recent Federal Income Tax Return
2. Pay stubs for the past 3 months
3. Written explanation of family and financial circumstances
4. Copy of most recent report card
5. Any additional items/information that you feel may aid in the decision making process

Applicant must submit the completed financial aid application and ALL required supporting documentation via this link: <https://iyha.sportngin.com/register/form/195305700>



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Additional Requirements:

Applicant must be a participant of IYHA.

Applicant must not have a balance from any prior IYHA dues (including previous seasons, previous camps/clinics/tryouts).

Applicant must be in good financial standing with their previous team and/or organization.

Families awarded scholarships must complete 20 volunteer hours during the season. Should you choose to billet a travel player in the 2024 – 2025 season, you will automatically be credited for 20 volunteer hours. Failure to complete volunteer hours will result in revocation and require repayment of scholarship.

In the event a player who has been awarded scholarship funds leaves their team and/or the IYHA during the season, 100% of the scholarship award must be refunded to the IYHA in order to remain in good standing with the IYHA and USA Hockey.

Scholarships are applied to a player's balance. Participants must make all remaining payments as agreed upon in the posted payment schedule or in their payment agreement signed in advance of the season start. Failure to remain current and in good standing with the IYHA for remaining balances, could result in revocation and repayment of awarded scholarship, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

All decisions are final.

For questions please email: scholarships@iyha.com