

LHA Scholarships 2018-2019

The Littleton Hockey Association (LHA) offers scholarship opportunities to our members in good standing with the organization. The intent of our scholarship program is to off-set a member's registration fees by applying some amount of award toward the registration fees and/or team fees for the upcoming season. The exact number and amount of scholarships awarded in a given year is contingent (dependent) upon the success of the association's fundraising efforts and must be approved by the LHA scholarship committee. To qualify for a scholarship, each applicant must:

- Applicant must be a member in good-standing with the Association, must be currently registered, and must be current on their registration fee payments.
- Have completed at least one full season with LHA and must be categorized as a "returning member". Families registered with LHA for the first time are not eligible to apply for a scholarship.
- Agree that if they are awarded a scholarship, and leave LHA during the same season, the scholarship must be re-paid to LHA in-full.
- Upon receipt of the scholarship, agree to provide a minimum number of volunteer service hours to the association as follows:
 - Total Scholarship Award of less than \$500 – a minimum of 10 Hours of Volunteer Service
 - Total Scholarship Award of \$500 or more – a minimum of 20 Hours of Volunteer Service

Additional scholarship requirements include:

- A copy of the child's last full school year transcript.
- A "Recipient" Letter to be written by the child to explain what playing hockey means to them, what life lessons it teaches, how he/she will give back their time to LHA, and what it means to be a Littleton Hawk. This Letter should also include descriptions of other community/extracurricular activities or volunteer community services in which the child participates in.
- The parent is required to complete this financial disclosure and write a letter describing the hardship, and in turn need for financial assistance. This letter should contain enough financial detail for the scholarship committee to truly evaluate the financial need. As well, the letter should indicate other extra-curricular activities in which the child participates that contribute to this financial hardship. If you have received a Scholarship Award in the past, this letter must include details regarding any changes in the financial hardship from the previous Award (loss of job, current/new employment, additional medical challenges, etc.).
- If the recipient is a 2nd Year Pee Wee or older, he/she must be willing to participate in the LHA Mentor Program. This is the recipient's chance to give back his/her time and talent to others. The Parent Volunteer Requirement does NOT offset by the recipient's participation in the LHA Mentor Program.
- If a player is awarded a scholarship, the family is required to work their portion of the assigned tournament volunteer hours, as assigned by the LHA Tournament Volunteer Coordinator. These hours will not be hired out.

Each scholarship is awarded on the perceived and documented need for financial assistance as determined by the LHA scholarship committee. Families wishing to be considered must complete this application and return it to LHA between the dates of June 1, 2018 and July 15, 2018. Should it be necessary, Applicants will be asked to participate in a Scholarship Application Interview hosted by the Scholarship Committee. These interviews will be scheduled with the applicant and will take

place in person. Details regarding the interview (Parent & Player, Parent only, date and time) will be provided as part of that notification.

Those who have been selected will be notified after the Board of Directors August 2018 meeting, and will receive a credit in the amount of the approved award toward the upcoming season's registration fees and/or team fees. Information provided on this application is For Official use of the Littleton Hockey Association and will remain confidential.

Please be advised, the scholarship program is intended to assist those in financial need and provide an opportunity for children that WOULD NOT otherwise be able to play. There is NO guarantee that an award will be given to an applicant.

For those that apply and are selected, the Scholarship Award CANNOT be the initial deposit against registration fees. No application will be considered for any registered member with a \$0 paid balance. As with all LHA Members, the initial registration fee will be due prior to LHA tryouts beginning in August, with any remaining registration fee (secondary fee assessment once the travel team selection process is completed) due by October 15th, 2018, or no later than December 1st, 2018 with a signed and approved payment plan.

If you are in a financial position to help others with registration fees, we would recommend that you consider donating to the LHA Scholarship Fund, which helps LHA families. All donations are tax-deductible.