

## **Hopkins Youth Hockey Association Scholarship Policy**

Hopkins Youth Hockey Association (HYHA) is committed to making the game of hockey available to anyone who has the desire to participate in the sport, regardless of ability to pay.

Each year HYHA offers financial assistance (scholarships) to families demonstrating need. Scholarships are designed to help families get through short-term periods of financial stress. They are not designed as annual subsidies. Preference will be given to applicants whose families qualify for public assistance programs such as cash MFIP/TANF, public medical coverage (MA), food support (SNAP), and free or reduced lunch.

During the HYHA annual budgeting process, a predetermined amount is set aside for scholarships. The total amount of assistance awarded to all families cannot exceed the amount budgeted. After all scholarship applications have been submitted and reviewed, each applicant shall be notified of their scholarship offer. The offer shall be made in writing (via email or formal letter) on behalf of the HYHA Executive Committee.

In return for financial assistance, HYHA requests that families receiving scholarship funds fulfill additional volunteer requirements. Families receiving scholarships are asked to volunteer an additional shift for each child receiving assistance, over and above the normally required volunteer commitment.

### ***Scholarship Process:***

1. All families requesting a scholarship must complete the Scholarship Application found on the HYHA website.
2. All scholarship applications must be submitted annually by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Scholarships are to cover all or a portion of the HYHA registration fee and direct team costs only. Any other incidental costs related to participating remain the responsibility of each family.
4. Scholarship awards shall be made in writing (via email or formal letter) and will include a specific scholarship code to be used within the online registration process.
5. Distribution of scholarships is provided at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee of HYHA. All Information is kept confidential.