



Quad City Hockey Association (QCHA) Financial Assistance Policy

Purpose:

The Quad City Hockey Association (QCHA) is committed to making youth hockey accessible to all players, regardless of financial circumstances. This Financial Assistance Policy is designed to provide partial scholarships to families in demonstrated financial need, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to participate in our programs.

Eligibility:

Financial assistance is available to families who:

- Have a child registered with QCHA or intend to register upon award of assistance.
- Demonstrate financial need through required documentation.
- Agree to participate in QCHA fundraising and volunteer efforts.
- Submit a completed Financial Assistance Request Form by the designated deadline.

Application Process:

1. Submission

Families must complete the QCHA Financial Assistance Request Form and submit it to financialassistance@quadcityhockey.com

2. Required Information

Applications must include household income, expenses, number of dependents, and an explanation of need. Families may be asked to provide supporting documentation, such as:

- Most recent federal tax return
- Documentation of public assistance or free/reduced lunch eligibility
- Child support or alimony records

- Other relevant financial records
3. **Confidential Review**
All applications will be reviewed confidentially by the QCHA Scholarship Committee. Information will not be shared outside of the review team.
 4. **Award Notification**
Families will be notified of award decisions within two weeks of the application deadline. Awards may cover a portion of dues/fees and are not guaranteed year to year.
 5. **Payment Plans**
If additional financial arrangements are needed beyond the awarded scholarship, families may request a payment plan to cover the remaining balance.

Expectations of Recipients:

All families who receive financial assistance are expected to:

- **Participate in QCHA-sponsored fundraisers**
(e.g., golf outings, raffle ticket sales, events)
- **Volunteer** when requested or as needed to support the organization
- **Maintain good conduct** on behalf of the player and family, upholding QCHA's values and sportsmanship policies

Failure to meet these expectations may result in loss of current or future financial assistance.

Annual Review:

Scholarships are awarded on a seasonal basis and are not automatically renewed. Families must reapply each year if assistance is still needed.

Confidentiality:

All information provided in the application process will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of determining financial assistance eligibility. Names and personal details will never be publicly shared.

Policy Oversight:

The QCHA Scholarship Committee, in collaboration with the Board of Directors, will manage all aspects of this program and may update the policy as necessary.