

# Martha Kennedy Memorial Goalie Scholarship



Martha Kennedy was my wife of 18 years, my soul mate and the mother of our son Scott. She was an amazing woman and a proud goalie mom who passed away on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 following a 6-year battle with colon cancer. Like all hockey moms, especially goalie moms, she took great pride in watching our son Scott when he was in goal. She watched how playing goalie taught him to deal with adversity, to believe in himself, to excel, and to be a team player. She saw him grow from a boy to a young man who still pushes himself on the ice. She enjoyed watching as our son gave back to the Arapahoe goalie community by helping the younger goalies, Squirts and PeeWees in particular, during summer skates.

Hockey kept her fighting, it always made her smile, she looked forward to practices, games and chatting with the other goalie moms. Goalie moms share a special bond that only another goalie mom can understand.

School and good grades have always been important to our family as we understood that while every player aspires to play in the NHL, or get an athletic scholarship to a D1 college, very few do. Excelling in school gives a young man or a young woman a greater chance of an academic scholarship.

To honor Martha, and her love of goalies, I've put this scholarship together. I've seen firsthand the toll, emotionally and financially, cancer or a serious illness can take on a family. In our case hockey was the one bit of normalcy we had in our lives. Hockey gave us something to look forward to week in and week out. At games and practices cancer wasn't there, we were a normal family whose only care was watching our son do his absolute best in net. I'll always treasure those times and memories.

**Who is eligible:**

- Any goalie who will be playing Squirt/10U at the Arapahoe Warriors Hockey Association for the 2018/2019 season

**Amount of scholarship:**

- The goalie selected will have \$1,000 placed in his or her Arapahoe Warriors account to cover the cost of registration and or team fees.

**Requirements:**

- Goalies will submit handwritten responses to the following questions and **parents, please do not help your player write these responses. I want their answers, not yours.**
  - What made you decide to play hockey?
  - What do you love about playing goalie?
  - What have you done to help someone on your team?
  - What is your favorite class in school and why?
  - What other things do you do outside of school that are not hockey related?
- Goalies will need to include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, preferably but I understand with school out for the summer this might be difficult, or coach
- Parents will need to provide an email address and phone number

**Deadline:**

- To be considered submissions must be postmarked no later than 7/31/2018

**Notification of award:**

- Scholarship winner will be notified no later than 8/15/2018

**Completed applications with written responses should be mailed to:**

**Dave Kennedy**

**Attn: Martha Kennedy Goalie Scholarship**

**21549 Omaha Ave**

**Parker, CO 80138**

**Or emailed with Attached Written letter to Randy Murphy**

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