



# Matt Smith Memorial Hockey Scholarship



Matt Smith, a beloved hockey coach in Indianapolis, touched the lives of countless youth and adult hockey players before his life was tragically cut short in August 2015. In his honor, the Indianapolis Youth Hockey Association (IYHA) and the Smith family have established the Matt Smith Memorial Hockey Scholarship (MSMS). This scholarship aims to make youth hockey more accessible to families in need.

The MSMS is funded by private donations and seasonal fundraising efforts. IYHA encourages families who require financial assistance with hockey fees to apply. Scholarships are intended to supplement a family's commitment to hockey. All applicants will be considered for partial, one-time awards.

Requirements and application link are available below.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

- April 1, 2026 for Tier 1 and Tier 2 travel players
- July 15, 2026 for 317 Hockey League (house rec) players

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 10, 2026 for Tier 1 Indiana Elite and Tier 2 Jr Fuel travel players
- July 30, 2026 for 317 Hockey League players

## **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



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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 2025 – 2026 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. The identity of applicants will not be disclosed to coaches, teammates, or the public.

## **LINK TO SUBMIT APPLICATION**

Applicant must submit the completed financial aid application and ALL required supporting documentation via this link: <https://iyha.sportngin.com/register/form/744617765>

For questions please email: [scholarships@iyha.com](mailto:scholarships@iyha.com)