



Charlestown Youth Hockey Association
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CYHA Scholarship Fund 2011/2012 Season

General Overview/Purpose

The CYHA Scholarship Fund has been created through CYHA's general operating fund and generous donations from private business and other community-focused benefactors. The general purpose of the program is to provide assistance to families living in Charlestown and others whose children currently participate or wish to participate in Charlestown Youth Hockey programs, but may be unable to do so due to a lack of financial resources or other hardship.

Applicant Requirements

Any person applying for financial assistance through the CYHA Scholarship Fund should generally meet the following requirements:

- Be a Charlestown resident or have played in Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) programs for more than one full season, including the previous season.
- Be a current member of CYHA in good standing at one of the following levels:
 - Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam, Girls U10, Girls U12, Girls U14.
- Complete and submit a CYHA Scholarship Fund application to be considered for a disbursement award from the Fund.
- Completely satisfy additional requirements for consideration as may be determined by the CYHA Board of Directors Executive Committee. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- Current members of CYHA Board of Directors and their immediate family members are generally not eligible for the scholarship fund.

Notwithstanding, CYHA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive one or more of the above Requirements when a disbursement is deemed to otherwise be consistent with the general purpose of the scholarship program.

Disbursement Types

Disbursements from the CYHA Scholarship Fund may take a variety of forms. The general types of disbursements available from the Fund include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Full Disbursement - A full disbursement would cover 100% of a player's dues for the 2011/2012 season.
- Partial Disbursement - A partial disbursement would cover a portion of a player's dues for the 2011/2012 season.
- Hardship Disbursement - A hardship disbursement would be a "one-time" disbursement brought about by an unexpected hardship or other extraordinary circumstance.

All disbursements will be applied directly to balances currently owed to CYHA. If the member has paid all or a portion of their 2011/2012 dues, any amounts above the total amount owed for the season will be refunded to the member.

The CYHA Board of Directors Executive Committee, or any sub-set thereof, will generally make all decisions related to disbursements. They will consider the general criteria noted below when making the decision. It is important to note that each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis due to the unique facts and circumstances each situation may present. For this reason, the following list is more of a general guideline and should not be considered all-inclusive:

- Does the applicant meet all the CYHA Scholarship Fund requirements?
- What is the nature and the severity of the hardship encountered by the applicant or the applicant's family?
- Can the severity of the hardship be verified with information provided through the Fund application or other means?
- Is additional information required?

Notwithstanding, CYHA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to make disbursements outside of the application process in light of unique, extraordinary circumstances which come to its attention and when a disbursement is deemed to otherwise be consistent with the general purpose of the scholarship program.

CYHA Scholarship Fund General Review Process

The following review process will generally be used when considering applications for disbursements or awards from the scholarship fund:

- The CYHA Board of Directors Executive Committee will review all submitted applications. This committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary of CYHA.
- If necessary, the review may include verifying the information provided on the applications, follow-up on any incomplete information and/or resolving any questions or issues related to the application.
- Upon completion of the review process, the Committee, or any sub-set thereof, will make all decisions related to the disbursement of funds.
- All applicants receiving a disbursement will be notified in writing regarding the final disposition of their request for assistance.
- The CYHA Treasurer will be responsible for executing all disbursements from the CYHA Scholarship Fund.

The CYHA Board of Directors acknowledges that asking for assistance may be difficult for some members. We want to assure you that it is our general intention that all information related to a submitted application will be kept in the strictest of confidence and through our best efforts will only be shared with the applicant and the members of the CYHA Board of Directors Executive Committee.