

# The 2020 SMS Youth Hockey LaPlante Scholarship



The Sudbury Maynard Stow Youth Hockey Association, a 501 c 3 non-profit, provides an annual \$2,500 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior who has participated in the SMS Hockey program. The Scholarship is named after long-time SMS Hockey coach and leader, Jeff LaPlante, who remains a friend of youth hockey after years of service to our program.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

1. A current high school senior graduating in the school year in which the award is offered,
2. A current or past participant in the SMS Youth Hockey program, with 3 or more seasons on an SMS roster,
3. Proof of acceptance to an institution of higher education (accredited 2-year, 4-year college, or trade school) or acceptance into one of the four branches of the U.S. military or US Coast Guard,
4. Completion of the application below, including provision of requested transcripts.

## Application Guidelines

1. All applications must be postmarked by March 31st and mailed to:  
SMS LaPlante Scholarship Committee  
SMS Youth Hockey  
PO Box 79  
Stow, MA 01775

And include all of the following:

2. Your most recent school transcript,
3. Completed personal essay,
4. A signed statement of support for your application from a school teacher or administrator, coach, or member your community,
5. Proof of acceptance to an institute of higher education or the military – or explanation as to when you expect to receive such proof of acceptance,
6. The completed application, which follows.

# Application



## Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholastic Information:

Secondary School (s) Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational Trade (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## SMS Hockey Experience:

Please circle **all** applicable levels of Hockey at which you participated at SMS.

Mite

Squirt

PeeWee

Bantam

Midget

Please provide the approximate time period in which you were active on an SMS roster (e.g. 2016-2017)

Years Active: \_\_\_\_\_

## Post-secondary Acceptance:

Please provide the names of the accredited colleges or trade schools to which you have been offered admission, or the branch of the military to which you have been admitted.

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With this application, please include a copy of applicable acceptance letter to the institution (s) noted above.



## Extracurricular Activities, Community Services, Honors or Awards

In the space below, or on a separate sheet of paper that you staple to this page, please list those extracurricular activities, special interests, examples of community service in which you have participated. You may note any honors or awards you have received. With each item, please include the year or years in which these activities took place.



## Statement of Support

Please attach to this application a signed statement of support for your application from a school teacher or administrator, team coach, or other member of your community. Such a statement should include your supporter's relationship to you and provide the Scholarship Committee with insight on why you are a worthy candidate for this scholarship, noting any qualities that distinguish you as a student, classmate, teammate, leader, and/or community contributor. It is recommended that this statement of support should be at least 150 words in length.

## Personal Essay

In an attached typewritten essay, in 400-800 words, tell us about your experience as a SMS hockey player as it relates to your personal development. Hockey has been just one of many experiences in your life, and perhaps a relatively brief one. Poised as you are for the next step in your life, tell us how you feel ready for the challenges ahead and share your plans for the future. As you do so, consider that this award is named in honor of Jeff LaPlante, who, while working in his profession and raising a family, selflessly gave his time over a number of years to help the SMS organization and hundreds of young hockey players. How will you be a contributor to the greater good of the community in the years ahead?

### Application Checklist

- All applications must be postmarked by March 31st.
- Copy of Your most recent school transcript.
- Completed personal essay.
- Signed statement of support for your application from a school teacher or administrator, coach, or member your community,
- Proof of acceptance to a institute of higher education or the military,
- The completed application.

**The Scholarship Committee will make public its award decision by May 15th.**

*Thank You for your Interest in the SMS Hockey LaPlante Scholarship*