



**Bret Artman Memorial Scholarship Program Policies
Adopted July 21, 2003**

The Scholarship Program provides funds for two specific purposes:

1) Playing Scholarships encourage children from financially-challenged families to participate in youth hockey to continue developing on-ice skills. These players also develop character-building life skills such as teamwork, dedication and respect. Generally, these are awarded once annually in September for the following season. In cases of extreme hardship, additional applications will be reviewed as needed.

2) One-Time Assistance Funds provide monies to financially-challenged families that arise during the season such as, but not limited to, travel expenses incurred by "B" teams during district competitions, safety equipment needs due to breakage or the child's growth and other unplanned costs designed to make participation a positive experience for children and their parents/guardians. Requests for these funds are reviewed monthly from August to March.

Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

Economic need shall be one factor in determining who shall receive funds. Families below the following limits will be given first priority in awarding funds. These income limits are based on the median family income of the Greater Lansing area and will be reviewed annually to determine their applicability.

Family of three:	\$45,000
Family of four:	\$55,000
Family of five or more:	\$65,000

Additional factors to be considered in awarding assistance shall include:

- the player's level of dedication to the sport
- the family's commitment to participation and ability to provide transportation to and from scheduled events
- the demonstrated character of the applicant
- completeness of the application

Awards shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religious affiliation, national origin, weight, height, familial status or player's skill ability.

The GLAHA Scholarship Committee shall review applications and make recommendations to the full Board of Directors. The Scholarship Committee shall consist of:

- The Vice President
- The Treasurer
- The chair of the Scholarship Committee, who shall chair these meetings
- Two at-large members of the Board of Directors

The full Board of Directors must approve the recommendations by a simple majority. All decisions are final. GLAHA reserves the right to not award any playing scholarship if funds are not sufficient or if no one meets the requirements.

In order for applications to be considered, the candidate's registration must be complete and required deposit must be paid. Any funds not dispersed shall be carried over to the next year's applicants.

Playing Scholarships

These scholarships provide opportunities for players from financially-challenged families who wish their child to participate in youth hockey. The scholarship program may cover things such as the child's annual registration fees, ice time and equipment. GLAHA may award full or partial scholarships based on need, available funds and number of applicants.

To be considered, Scholarships Applications must be completed in entirety and include:

- Evidence of family income (Copy of the previous year's tax return, current pay stubs from all family wage earners and statements from any income sources)
- In the event of a divorce, a copy of the decree and any income for the child from a non-custodial parent, whether child support or other assistance
- A written statement from the player indicating why s/he should receive a scholarship
- A written statement from parents/guardians indicating their commitment to participate in their child's team activities and ability to volunteer either on or off the ice as, but not limited to, team manager, scorekeeper, fund-raiser coordinator or assistant coach
- Evidence of child's good character established by any of the following methods: letters of recommendation from coaches, teachers, clergy or other mentors; report cards; or past and present participation in community service organizations.

Completed applications must be submitted to GLAHA, PO Box 1238, East Lansing, MI 48826-1238, by October 1 of each year. Decisions will be made at the October meeting of the GLAHA Board of Directors.

In the event of a mid-year catastrophic event or substantial reduction in a family's income, applications may be submitted and will be considered on an as-needed basis by the Scholarship Committee. All selection criteria will apply.

One-Time Assistance Fund

This fund is designed to cover unexpected but necessary expenses associated with participation in amateur hockey such as travel expenses for house or “B” League players and equipment replacement due to a child’s growth or to breakage. Any applicant may receive no more than \$250 for each season.

It may cover, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Replacing a cracked helmet or one too small for the child
- A new stick if the previous one is broken from on-ice play
- New or used skates if the child outgrows his/her skates in one season. Parents must purchase the first pair of skates, either new or used, within one season before applying to the One-Time Assistance Fund.
- Shoulder pads, hockey pants, elbow pads, knee/shin guards or any other required safety equipment that needs to be replaced in the course of the season.
- Funds for hotels/motels and reasonable meal costs associated with district competition.

The fund will NOT cover the following:

- Travel expenses of players on travel teams. Players are encouraged to find sponsors or participate in team fundraisers to help defray the expected costs of travel hockey.
- Routine skate sharpening, athletic tape or pucks.
- Mileage or gasoline expenses for any travel
- Practice jerseys

All costs must be reasonable based on the child’s age and ability. Parents are encouraged to seek quality used equipment for growing children.

To be considered, applications must be completed in entirety and include:

- A written statement from the player and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) indicating what is needed, estimated cost and compelling reasons why assistance should be provided
- Evidence of family income (Copy of the previous year’s tax return, current pay stubs from all family wage earners and statements from any income sources)
- In the event of a divorce, a copy of the decree and any income for the child from a non-custodial parents, whether child support or other assistance
- Letter of support from the team manager or coach that verifies the need for the item
- Documentation of transaction either in the form of store receipts, credit card statements or copies of cancelled checks. In the event of private purchases, copies of signed checks and statements from both parties of the nature of the purchase and amount must accompany the application.

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