



Waconia Hockey Association Financial Assistance Policy

1. All families requesting financial assistance must complete the Financial Aid Application. Incomplete applications will be returned. (Application is available online.)
2. Applicants may apply for: (a) full assistance, (b) partial assistance or (c) a payment plan.
3. As part of its annual budget, the WHA will determine a dollar amount that will be set aside as a Financial Assistance Fund. The total amount of assistance that is awarded to all families cannot exceed the amount budgeted.
4. Financial assistance is designed to help families get through periods of financial stress. It is not designed as an annual subsidy, and is limited to two years per skater. Preference will be given to those applicants whose families qualify for public assistance programs such as school lunch subsidies, medical assistance and unemployment insurance.
5. Financial assistance will be provided to cover some or all of the WHA team fees. Incidental team expenses as well as the Minnesota Hockey registration will not be covered through financial assistance.
6. Families receiving assistance will be required to provide volunteer hours to WHA by working at tournaments or other duties specified by the Executive Committee of the WHA. The number of required volunteer hours will be formally documented between the family and the WHA. These volunteer hours will be in addition to the team volunteer hours and the required family volunteer hour requirements.
7. Financial assistance applicants may be required to meet with the president and treasurer of the WHA Board of Directors to review their application.
8. Families who do not fulfill their financial assistance obligation (as specified and documented by the WHA) will not be eligible for aid in subsequent years.
9. Financial assistance is provided at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Waconia Hockey Association. All information is kept confidential.
10. Deadline to register for financial assistance for the 2011–2012 season is Sept. 2, 2011.