



RICHMOND MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL OPERATING POLICIES

The following is an excerpt from the RMHA Operating Policies:

SECTION 9 - SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS OF MERIT

9.1 RMHA SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS OF MERIT

RMHA will establish and maintain a Scholarship/Award of Merit Fund which will recognize RMHA players who demonstrate exemplary performance in the areas of academics, community involvement, and leadership within hockey. The Fund shall draw from RMHA general revenue or tournament surpluses, if any. The Executive Board will review the funds available annually, and determine the number of Scholarships and Awards of Merit to be distributed. Award selection shall be made by a Scholarship Committee, as outlined below. ("Scholarships" are awarded to those individuals with a grade point average sufficient for post-secondary studies.)

GENERAL

- (a) The purpose of this fund is to provide a source of revenue for the provisions of scholarships and awards of merit
- (b) RMHA wishes to encourage its hockey players to achieve their academic and/or vocational goals while continuing their association with hockey.
- (c) There are to be Scholarships and Awards of Merit awarded annually. The number and amount of the Scholarships/Awards of Merit allotted is dependent on monies in the Scholarship/Award of Merit Fund.

ELIGIBILITY

- (a) RMHA players, coaches and referees who: (i) are registered with the Association for that current hockey season, (ii) have been registered with RMHA for at least three years (although such years need not be consecutive), and (iii) are in good standing with RMHA.
- (b) Players, coaches or referees who are registered with neighbouring minor hockey associations who otherwise meet the criteria in (a) above.
- (c) Applicants are in Grade 12 or graduated from high school for one year.
- (d) Scholarship/Award of Merit funds should be used for tuition at a post-secondary institution.

QUALIFICATIONS

RMHA scholarships/awards of merit amounts will be based on a combination of the following:

- (a) good sportsmanship, leadership and character within the Association and the community
- (b) good scholastic standings to qualify for a scholarship, and evidence of good standing and/or effort within any secondary program to qualify for an award of merit

- (c) good performance, ability and dedication to the Association displayed in capacity as a player, coach, referee or volunteer.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

A Scholarship Committee will be established annually prior to December 31 of each year. It will be comprised of at least three individuals; one of whom will be a current or past Member of RMHA. The Member so appointed will be the chair of the committee, and will nominate individuals for appointment to the Scholarship Committee (who need not be Members, and who preferably would be school administrators), and such nominations must be approved by the Executive Board.

SELECTION

Applicants will be invited each year to submit applications for Scholarships or Awards of Merit. The form of application will be made available to each potential candidate by mail, e-mail, notice or by posting the form on the RMHA website. All applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, who based on the qualifications of each applicant, will recommend a scholarship / award amount for each individual. Selections and amounts will be approved by the Executive Board.

HOW TO APPLY

The information to be submitted with an application may vary and be determined by the Scholarship Committee each year, however the following will generally be required:

- (a) Name, address, phone number and a letter of application specifying the applicant's hockey achievements, participation in RMHA, and other achievements (including academic, hockey, sport, community, family, volunteer participation, and service).
- (b) copy of school report, with a letter from school principal or counsellor.
- (c) a letter of recommendation from:
 - (i) a coach, when applicant is a player
 - (ii) RMHA Head Coach, when applicant is a coach
 - (iii) RMHA Referee-In-Chief, when applicant is a referee

DATE FOR SUBMISSION

Applications and supporting documents must be received no later than March 31st of the current season, or such other date as the Board may determine.

SPECIAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS OF MERIT

The following special Awards are hereby established, and five of the scholarships / awards of merit granted by RMHA each year will be designated or known as:

- (a) *RON FRAME AWARD* – Ron Frame played for RMHA and the Richmond Sockeyes. He drowned in a fishing accident when he was still a member of the Sockeyes. No monetary amount is associated with this Award.
- (b) *KYLE MCKINNON SCHOLARSHIP* – Kyle McKinnon, a student at Hugh Boyd Secondary, played hockey for RMHA from Tyke to Bantam (1989 to 2000) and refereed (1996 to 2000). During his second year in Bantam he was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, and had to stop playing in November. He continued to referee until March of that season, when he began his radiation / chemotherapy treatment. Kyle was never able to return to hockey,

and he passed away August 28, 2001, just before what would have been his graduation year as a second year Midget. No monetary amount is associated with this Award.

- (c) *NOAH YELIZAROV SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD OF MERIT* - Noah Yelizarov played hockey for RMHA from Novice to Juvenile. In 2004, at age 18, he died tragically in a freak accident in Thailand while touring with his friends. Noah loved playing hockey, especially being a goalie. If one of the successful RMHA scholarship applicants is a Midget or Juvenile goalie then he/she would be given first preference for the Noah Yelizarov Scholarship/Award of Merit. No monetary amount is associated with this Award.
- (d) *OREST BUCHINSKI SCHOLARSHIP / AWARD* - This award and scholarship, established in 2006, will be presented to a deserving individual chosen by the Buchinski family from a list submitted by the coaches of the Midget Rep teams or Major Midget team. The recipient must be an active member of RMHA in his/her graduating year, and have at least three years participation with RMHA. The recipient must be a hard working student; show good sportsmanship on and off the ice, on the bench and in the game; be a positive role model to the younger, aspiring youth; show outstanding promise athletically and academically; show strong commitment within his/her community and family life, and be recognized by his/her coaching staff as a leader, and team member player with great attitude. This award comes with an additional \$500 grant as given by the Buchinski family.
- (e) *MAJORMAKI FOUNDATION MINOR HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD* - This award and scholarship, established in 2009, is made by way of a generous donation from the Majormaki Foundation. A \$1,000 scholarship award will be presented to a deserving RMHA individual to support his/her post-secondary education. The ideal candidate would be a graduating RMHA hockey player who has a goal of continuing to play competitive hockey at the highest level while continuing his/her education. Financial hardship would be a strong consideration of two similarly evaluated applicants. The recipient will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee from applications received, as approved by the Executive.