

Northeast Youth Hockey Association - a 501(c)3 Company

Youth Travel Hockey Scholarship Program

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

Northeast Youth Hockey Association (NYHA) is proud to provide limited funding to qualified young hockey players to assist with costs associated with the sport of travel hockey on both a merit based approach as well as a financial need based approach. These funds will be used to pay the organization directly for your player's participation in travel hockey.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Young people ages 8-18 years old that are playing travel hockey at Revolution Ice Centre and are seeking financial assistance with youth travel hockey tuition. The financial need based program is available to low-income families with children who would like to play ice hockey for the WBS Jr. Knights. Scholarship applicants must prove a financial need by completing the attached scholarship request form.

The merit based program is available to players based on their sports performance. Merit-based scholarships are not only limited to a player's hockey abilities, but will consider the player's grades, and also other factors such as team leadership roles, extracurricular activities and school or community involvement.

ABOUT US

Northeast Youth Hockey Association (NYHA) was established as a 501(c)3 Pennsylvania non-profit organization to develop ice hockey in northeastern Pennsylvania. Since its development, Northeast Youth Hockey has been involved with many players that needed assistance in playing travel hockey.

MISSION

Our MISSION is to promote youth hockey participation, provide financial assistance to boys and girls who cannot otherwise afford to participate in athletic activities and educate the public on the health and wellness benefits of hockey participation.

WHY WE DO IT

The NYHA is not just about providing financial aid so kids have the opportunity to participate in life changing sports programs. The NYHA is passionate and committed to helping student/athletes develop their academic education to become responsible, studious, healthy, and hard working individuals with integrity, morals, character and unquenchable desire to help

others. We believe that structured sports is an integral aspect to their basic training. With today's economy and the rising costs of sports programs, especially hockey, it is becoming difficult for families to afford their children's participation in travel sports programs. Our values are built on the following:

1. **Financial Need:** Today, if a child wishes to play a team sport, he or she must look to join an organized league or program, yet some are out of reach for many families.
2. **Academic Success:** Studies show that students who participate in youth sports have higher grade point averages, attendance rates, standardized test scores and educational aspirations.
3. **Healthy Lifestyle:** According to the Centers for Disease Control, childhood obesity rates have nearly tripled in the past thirty years. Not only does exercise help children maintain a healthy weight, adolescents who play sports are eight times as likely to be active at age 24 as adolescents who do not play sports.*
4. **Fun:** The number one reason kids play sports is to have fun and we think all kids should have the chance to play and have a good time.
5. **Self Esteem:** Research shows kids who play sports, especially girls, have higher levels of confidence and self-esteem. In fact, a survey of 400 female corporate executives found 94 percent played a sport and that 61 percent say that contributed to their career success.
6. **Stress Relief:** Sports help adolescents to feel less stressed and have better mental health as young adults, according to a University of Toronto study. Researchers said that nearly a third of youth suffer from high levels of stress and feelings of depression.
7. **Skill Development:** Strategic thinking, teamwork, leadership and motor skills are learned by playing sports – all valuable skills for a successful future.
8. **Goal Setting:** Participation in sports helps children learn to set goals and work hard to accomplish them whether it's individually or as a group.
9. **Teamwork:** Kids who play sports learn that being part of a team means working together toward a common goal, encouraging others when they make a mistake and celebrating together during a victory.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Allocation of funding will be based on the family's need and number of applicants.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

These funds are derived from generous corporate sponsors, individual donors and local non-profit organizations. Northeast Youth Hockey has two programs; financial need scholarships and merit based scholarships (see below for explanation).

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN SCHOLARSHIPS?

A **merit scholarship** is an award that students receive based on their sports performance in the program. Merit-based scholarships are not only limited to a player's hockey abilities, but will consider the player's grades, and also other factors such as team leadership roles, extracurricular activities and school or community involvement. In many cases, merit-based awards can help lower or substantially cover the cost of a youth travel team tuition.

A **financial scholarship** is a financial award that players receive based on their families needs. A family must clearly demonstrate financial need. Need-based financial aid is valuable because it provides substantial assistance to students that otherwise could not play a travel sport. Overall, the lower your family's income, the more likely you are to receive need-based aid.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Scholarship applicants must prove a financial need by completing the **WBS Knights Youth Hockey Scholarship Request Form**. Applications can be submitted prior to June 1. No applications will be accepted after June 1st. Applicants can submit an application every year.