

**SIBLEY AREA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (SAYHA) 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) payment plan
3. As part of its annual budget, SAYHA 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 2 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 SAYHA Registration fees only. Only in instances of severe financial hardship will it be granted to team assessment.
6. Families receiving Assistance will be required to provide volunteer hours to SAYHA either by working at Concessions, Tournaments, or other duties specified by the SAYHA board. The number of required volunteer hours will be formally documented between the family and the SAYHA Board.
7. Financial Assistance applicants will be required to meet with at least 2 members of the SAYHA Board to review their application.
8. Families who do not fulfill their Financial Assistance obligation (as specified and documented by the SAYHA) will not be eligible for aid in subsequent years.
9. Financial Assistance is provided at the sole discretion of the Sibley Area Hockey Association Board. All information is kept confidential.