



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**SUMMARY:** *Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is proud to offer annual scholarships. The amount available for scholarships will vary each year, depending on fundraising success and donations earmarked for scholarships. The scholarship program is intended to assist those in financial or hardship need, and provide an opportunity for youth that would not otherwise be able to play hockey. There is no guarantee that an award will be given to an applicant. Previous awards do not guarantee an award for future years.*

**PURPOSE:** Glenwood Youth Hockey Association (GSYHA) mission supports equitable access to programming from players of all backgrounds. The GSYHA Annual Scholarships are meant to ease the financial burden of registration fees for GRIZZLY HOCKEY families facing financial hardship.

**BENEFITS:** Provides opportunity for youth to participate in hockey, regardless of financial burden, through a fair, impartial and confidential review of financial need.

**OVERSIGHT:** Scholarship Committee (chosen by GSYHA Board of Directors)

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- 1) GRIZZLY HOCKEY families experiencing current financial hardship and in good standing with GSYHA
- 2) GRIZZLY HOCKEY families with at least one year of participation in GRIZZLY HOCKEY
- 3) GRIZZLY HOCKEY players, registered with both USA HOCKEY and the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association

**LIMITATIONS:** Scholarship awards are applied to registration fees only. Scholarships cannot be applied to jersey deposits, USA Hockey fees, DIBS obligations, travel expenses, parent-pay tournaments, or other subsequent fees, unless otherwise specified by the Scholarship Review Committee and specifically documented in the Scholarship Award & Acceptance Agreement. **If a player withdraws before completion of season, scholarships must be repaid to GSYHA.**

Scholarships are not limited by per family registrations for multiple players or limited by years of awards. However, scholarship determination is made by total award per family/guardian, not by player. Scholarships are reviewed for the current season's need, based on all current applications.



**RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS:** Families awarded scholarships must meet minimum DIBS requirements as expected of all GRIZZLY HOCKEY families; award recipients are encouraged to join in additional volunteer opportunities. Players receiving scholarships are expected to adhere to the GSYHA Code of Conduct, and to regularly attend and participate in practice and in games. Failure to meet these obligations, could impact eligibility for future scholarship awards.

**FAMILY CONTRIBUTION:** Scholarships are awarded on an individual basis and may be full or partial awards. Unless under significant economic or hardship need, a family contribution will be assessed.

**PROCEDURES:** Parents/guardians applying for scholarship funds are required to complete the scholarship application, a brief financial hardship letter and provide financial disclosure. The financial hardship letter should contain enough detail for the Scholarship Committee to truly evaluate the requested financial need. As well, the letter should include other extra-curricular activities in which the child or siblings participate and that contribute to this financial hardship.

If parents/guardians reside in separate households and both parents/guardians are responsible for payment of program fees, each parent is responsible for submitting a separate application for themselves (If each parent/guardian has financial hardship they are required to apply for scholarships separately). GSYHA assumes 50% financial responsibility from each parent/guardian for all registered players. If that is not the case, documentation must be provided to verify that, such as a divorce decree.

All applications must include:

1. copy of the most recent year's tax return
2. copy of most recent year W2 and 1099 forms
3. copy of current pay stub with current year to date income information

**AGREEMENTS:** Applicants who have been selected for a scholarship award will be notified after review of all applications meeting the Application Deadline. If a scholarship is awarded, the *GSYHA Scholarship Award & Acceptance Agreement* must be signed and returned to the Board prior to the release of a credit in the amount of the award to be applied to the member's account.

**DEADLINE:** Applications are due October 31, 2017. Applications received, or postmarked after October 31, 2017 will only be considered should additional funds become available.

**Please complete the attached scholarship application and return to:**

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association  
Attn.: GSYHA Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 576, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81602

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Ham Tharp, GSYHA Board President, 970-618-1247 or [htharp@gsyha.org](mailto:htharp@gsyha.org)



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**Application Deadline: October 31st for all levels of play**

Required Documentation: Financial information is required for the parent/guardian requesting scholarship funds. If another parent/guardian is requesting scholarship funds they must submit a separate scholarship application for each player. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Copy of most recent year federal tax return (if no tax return is available, a W-2 and or/1099 must be submitted)
- Year to date income information, such as a copy of current pay stub(s)
- Hardship letter specifically detailing why a GSYHA scholarship is requested
- Divorce decree, if necessary

Player Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Program(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Years with GSYHA: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s) Applying for Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling Discount Applied: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Amount Applied: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Program Fees (for all applicants): \_\_\_\_\_

Payments Already Made During Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Amount Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge that the information and attachments to this application is true and accurate. I understand that if any information on this application form is not true or accurate, then GSYHA has the right to terminate any scholarship awarded. At such time the applicant will be obligated to repay GSYHA the total amount of the scholarship awarded. GSYHA also has the right to terminate any scholarship award should the balance of the program fee, after scholarship, not be paid within the designated time.

I have read and underwent all my obligations and responsibilities as a scholarship applicant / recipient.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (parent, guardian, or player if 18 years of age)      Date

GSYHA Scholarship Committee: Scholarship Awarded: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_