



PO Box 3661 Gillette, WY 82717

## **GHA Financial Hardship Program Guidelines**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the GHA Financial Hardship Program (also known as the GHA Scholarship Program) is to assist deserving families in meeting the financial requirements of participating on a GHA hockey team when that family is unable to meet the full obligation due to financial hardship.

Availability of scholarships will be dependent on available GHA funds and will be limited to a partial scholarship per family for a particular season. Scholarships will not be available to those who are participating in other travel/select programs. Scholarship funds may be specifically identified for this purpose from available budget with GHA board approval and may be collected by fundraising for this purpose or through corporate or individual donations.

### **Privacy and Confidentiality:**

In order to determine the need and make scholarship funds available in the most equitable and fair manner, it is necessary to collect certain financial and personal information. This is done on the application form itself, which is made available to the GHA Board only for the purposes of evaluating scholarship availability.

Information collected is not emailed and is not shared outside the Board. It is the Board's intention to keep the process as confidential and discreet as possible.

### **Procedure:**

1. Families seeking scholarship assistance must submit an application form by August 1st.
2. Applications should be delivered to the Board President or emailed to [president@gillettewild.org](mailto:president@gillettewild.org).
3. All scholarship applications will be reviewed and acted upon prior to the August 15 registration deadline. Interviews or requests for additional information may be made by the GHA President.
4. Scholarship applications for which awards are made will be kept in the Secretary's records for the duration of the season; all other scholarship applications which are not granted or funded will be destroyed.
5. If a scholarship is granted, an individualized discount code will be emailed for use in the online registration system.
6. The Board is not obligated to distribute scholarship funds equally, and is not obligated to apply all available scholarship funds in a given year.
7. All decisions by the Board are final and not subject to review.

8. In the event a hardship arises during the course of the season or a first-time player signs up past the deadline, a family may fill out an application form and submit it to the Board for consideration.

#### Responsibilities

1. Volunteerism is an important component of the program. The player and their family will be required to complete 15 hours of volunteer time. (Girls, Bantam, and Midget players can trade officiating time if they are USA Hockey certified.)
2. The player will be expected to remain in good academic standing. HS-aged players that are ineligible at any point in the season will be asked to come before the Board and explain the circumstances and plan of action to raise their grades.
3. The player must demonstrate dedication through consistent attendance at team practices and games and exhibit positive sportsmanship.

It is a privilege to receive financial assistance and therefore inappropriate behavior or violation of the responsibilities above could result in removal from the team, the family being required to pay back the scholarship amount, or forfeiture of awards in future seasons.



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## Financial Hardship Program Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Team level \_\_\_\_\_ First Year player Yes ☐ No ☐

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Previous scholarship(s) awarded Yes ☐ No ☐

Current or prior year GPA \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*Please attach a copy of the most recent report card.

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

What amount of assistance are you requesting? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Does player live in a single parent household? Yes ☐ No ☐

How many siblings live in the household? \_\_\_\_\_ How many of those play hockey? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which of the following situations apply:

☐ Unemployment ☐ Medical/Disability ☐ Lack of income ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Additional evidence such as tax returns, pay stubs, unemployment documentation, etc. may be requested at a later time, but need not be submitted with the initial application.

### Employment Status:

Father ☐ Full time ☐ Part time ☐ Unemployed

Monthly income \_\_\_\_\_

Mother ☐ Full time ☐ Part time ☐ Unemployed

Monthly income \_\_\_\_\_

Does the player have a job? Yes ☐ No ☐

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Hours/ week \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly income \_\_\_\_\_

How many years has player been playing hockey? \_\_\_\_\_ with GHA? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the player play on select or other travel teams? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, which team(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The player (not the parent) must write a letter to the Board explaining what hockey means to them and how playing has/will impact their life. (typed or handwritten) Attach to application.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree to abide by all GHA policies and rules, as well as the Financial Hardship Guidelines set forth in this application. I attest that the information on the above application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

I have included the following:

- ☐ Completed and signed application
- ☐ Copy of most recent report card
- ☐ Player letter

I understand and agree to follow these guidelines:

(Initial next to each line please)

\_\_\_\_\_ All decisions by the Board are final and not subject to review.

\_\_\_\_\_ The player and their family will be required to complete an additional 10 hours of volunteer time.

\_\_\_\_\_ The player is expected to remain in good academic standing.

\_\_\_\_\_ The player is expected to consistently attend practices and exhibit good sportsmanship.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I may be asked to provide documentation verifying financial status.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_