



## **Dennis Minns Memorial Scholarship**

Provided by the Richmond Ringette Association, this scholarship is open to ringette players, coaches, on-ice officials, volunteers, and executive/board members (details of eligibility included in application) participating in the WCC Annual Ringette Tournament.

2025-2026 Ringette Season

**Application deadline:** January 2nd, 2026

**Dennis Minns**  
**June 16, 1953 - February 25, 2012**

Dennis Minns started coaching ringette in 1982 and had a drive and passion for the sport that was inspiring to his players and fellow coaches. Dennis was loved and respected by the kids he coached and wanted them to achieve their best and share his love of the sport of ringette. He had many coaching accomplishments including coaching teams at Westerns and Nationals (and winning gold at Westerns one year too!). Dennis was an upbeat and positive coach and role model with a passion for helping others. He is known for saying “Let’s get out there and have fun!” at every game.

**Purpose of the Dennis Minns Memorial Scholarship:**

To provide an annual scholarship of \$500 towards post-secondary education for ringette players, coaches, executive members, volunteers, and/or officials who demonstrate a commitment to post-secondary education, commitment to the sport of ringette, and who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism in sport.

In addition to the financial award, recipients will receive a scholarship award certificate and have their name on a perpetual plaque displayed in one of the Richmond area ice arenas.

**Eligibility for the Scholarship**

1. Participants who are registered, and in good standing, with their home Ringette Association including:
  - Ringette players
  - Ringette coaches who are certified or in the process of becoming certified with Ringette Canada
  - Active on-ice ringette-certified officials (have to be a referee in the year the scholarship is given)
  - Volunteers who volunteer at least 15 hours in the year of the scholarship application (e.g., Board Members, parent helpers, assistant coaches, managers)
2. Documented completion of grade 12 diploma or transcript from term 1 report card if applicant is in grade 12 at the time of application.
3. Demonstrated a commitment to helping in sport (not limited to ringette). Applicant must provide documentation of at least 15 hours of volunteer work in sport for the ringette season (September 2025-date of application).
4. Applicants who have graduated from grade 12 must provide proof of registration in a first year post-secondary education program in a recognized postsecondary training program, college, or

university (part-time or full-time).

5. Demonstrated ongoing commitment and dedication to the sport of ringette through playing, coaching, officiating and/or other volunteer activities.

### Application Process

Completed applications must be submitted by January 2nd, 2026 to [president@richmondringette.com](mailto:president@richmondringette.com)  
Applications will be reviewed by the **RRA Scholarship Committee** and Dennis Minns' daughters.

### Notification

The RRA Scholarship Committee will notify the successful applicant during the WCC 2025 tournament Jan 9-11, 2026. The Scholarship Committee reserve the right to choose not to award the scholarship if the pool of candidates does not meet the criteria outlined or if there are no applicants. For recipients who are in grade 12, they will be presented with their award at their high school award night. For recipients in their first year of college or university, they will be presented with their award at the RRA Annual General Meeting.

### Applications must include:

Completed scholarship application form.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two (2) <b>current</b> <sup>1</sup> letters of reference from people (not relatives) highlighting your volunteerism in sport &/or community.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of Dogwood (Grade 12) certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of registration as an active ringette player, ringette coach, volunteer (for a ringette team or association), or on-ice ringette official.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of registration in first year of a recognized post-secondary institution for applicants who have graduated from grade 12.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Scholarship funds will not be released by RRA until all of the documents listed above are received by RRA. Scholarship funds must be applied to the academic year following which the scholarship was awarded.

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<sup>1</sup> Referees must have known and be aware of applicants involvement with sport within the previous 1 year.  
Dennis Minns Scholarship Package

## Scholarship Application Form

Personal/Contact Information		
First Name	Last Name	
Home Address		
City	Province	Postal Code
Telephone	Email	
Ringette Registration or Affiliation		
Name of Ringette Association & your role (e.g., Boardmember, referee, player)		
Name of your current team (if applicable)		
Division	City	Province
Academic Information		
<i>Current High School or Post-Secondary Institution</i> Name of Institution		
City/Province	Postal Code	Telephone
Current Grade/Level of Study	Average Grade %	Expected Graduation (mm/yy)

**Post-Secondary Educational Institution planning to Attend in 2022-23**

Name of Institution

City

Province

Postal Code

Telephone

Fax

Expected Graduation (mm/yy)

Program/Major Area of Study

Duration of Program (years)

**Ringette Résumé**

Year	Team	Division	City	Accomplishments/Memories
2015	FVRA Vipers	U16 A	Langley	Heart & Soul Award, Team went to AB

**Other notes about your ringette career:**

Officiating: Officials certification number (if known):

Coaching: Coaches certification number (if known):

Other Volunteer Activities (Ringette, School, Community):

**Personal Statement**

Please explain how you emulate the Dennis Minns Memorial Scholarship values of helping, positive role modeling, and commitment to the sport of ringette.

(Maximum 400 words).

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

*I hereby affirm that the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Dennis Minns Memorial Scholarship.*

*I understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, I must provide a copy of my transcript (marks) for the current academic year as well as evidence of acceptance to a post-secondary institution or program of my choosing for the following academic year, prior to the scholarship funds being awarded.*

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date :** \_\_\_\_\_