

Fort Frances Girls and Women's Hockey Association Senior Bursary

Eligibility Criteria

The FFGWHA Bursary is available to any player who has been registered with the Fort Frances Girls and Women's Hockey Association (FFGWHA) house league for a minimum of **seven (7) consecutive years**.

Members of the Fort Frances High School Muskie Girls Hockey team are eligible to apply if they were previously registered with the FFGWHA and the combined registration equals **seven (7)** consecutive years in girls hockey.

Seven (7) year tally begins U9 and above and must include at least one U15 season.

Registrations with sanctioned competitive teams, **other than the Muskie Girls**, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The FFGWHA Registrar will confirm all registration history with the OWHA.

Application Process

- Players **must apply** for this award.
- There is **no limit** to the number of recipients; the bursary will be awarded to all who qualify. Maximum award per player will be \$2,250. There will be a \$20,000 total maximum amount of bursaries to be awarded per year and individual bursary amount may be limited by the amount of successful applicants.
- Applicants should demonstrate commitment to their team, good sportsmanship, and a solid attendance record. Injury situations will be reviewed.
- Attendance will be confirmed by past coaches.
- The Bursary Committee may consider special circumstances, such as **late starters** in hockey who have not played in other minor hockey organizations or players who have moved into the FFGWHA catchment area.

Post-Secondary Requirements

- Players must enroll in a **registered university, college, or certified trade school** in Canada or the USA.
- They must be registered in a post-secondary institution within **two (2) years** of receiving the bursary.
- Proof of **registration** (not just acceptance) must be provided before FFGWHA issues the cheque.
- The bursary will be awarded after the **completion of the first term** of the post-secondary program.

Acknowledgment of Volunteer Contributions

This bursary program acknowledges the **dedicated efforts of FFGWHA board members, bench staff, volunteers, and families** who contribute countless hours on the ice, to the Bingo program and other fundraising initiatives. Their commitment supports the continued growth of girls' hockey in Fort Frances.

Award Amounts

Award Type	Amount	Minimum Criteria
Base bursary	\$1,000	Seven (7) consecutive years of girls hockey as outlined above. Seven (7) year tally begins U9 and above and must include at least one U15 season.
Additional amounts (awarded after qualifying for base bursary amount)		
Playing girls' hockey until the end of Grade 12	\$750	Muskies will require a minimum of 5 of the 7 years in FFGWHA program prior to Muskies team.
Players family has made a significant contribution to the FFGWHA	\$500	Acknowledging the dedicated efforts of FFGWHA board members, volunteers, and families who contribute countless hours to the Bingo program and other fundraising initiatives. Their commitment supports the continued growth of girls' hockey in Fort Frances. Final decisions regarding whether a family's contribution qualifies as "significant" will be made at the discretion of the FFGWHA Executive, taking into account the nature, length, and impact of the family's involvement.
Maximum individual award	\$2,250	

Essay Requirement

To qualify, players must submit an **essay** covering the following:

1. **Personal Information:** Name, address, and phone number.
2. **Hockey Experience:** Number of years played in FFGWHA.
3. **Education Plans:** Information about the school and program they plan to attend.
4. **Personal Reflection:** A short paragraph about their involvement with FFGWHA, key lessons learned, memorable experiences, or an anecdote about a coach, team, or tournament.

Submission Instructions

Essays can be submitted by mail or email:

- **Mail: Fort Frances Girls and Women's Hockey Association**
ATTN: Bursary Committee
PO Box 238
Fort Frances, Ontario
P9A 3M6
- **Email:** info@ffgwha.com
Subject Line: FFGWHA Bursary Program Application

Selection and Decision Process

- The **Bursary Committee** will consist of three (3) members appointed by the FFGWHA Board of Directors.
- The **committee's decision is final**, and no appeals will be accepted.
- Awards will be presented at the **FFGWHA Annual Awards Banquet**.
- Applications due April 1 of the players graduating year.
- Late applications (up to 1 year after the players graduating year) may be considered at the discretion of the board but will not be awarded until the following annual banquet and must use bursary within 2 years of graduating high school as per above.