



# Leduc Minor Hockey Association (LMHA) Scholarship Program Guidelines

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## *LMHA Mission*

LMHA delivers hockey programming to children and youth in Leduc and the surrounding community to develop hockey skills, build character, and prepare youth to be good citizens contributing to their communities.

## *LMHA Vision*

Healthy engaged citizens who are life-long supporters of hockey and strong communities.

## **LMHA Scholarship Background**

Leduc Minor Hockey Association recognizes the importance of post-secondary education. Commencing in 2022, LMHA will award scholarships to LMHA athletes, officials or coaches graduating from high school or already enrolled in post-secondary education, who demonstrate exemplary character and have made significant contributions to LMHA and the community.

Funds for scholarship are procured from LMHA fundraising. If you require more information or wish to donate to the scholarship fund, please contact LMHA President at [president@lmha.ab.ca](mailto:president@lmha.ab.ca).

LMHA welcomes the addition of one-time or recurring awards and/or memorial scholarships to be administered by LMHA. Enquiries can be sent to the LMHA President at [president@lmha.ab.ca](mailto:president@lmha.ab.ca)

## **Overview of Awards**

Each season, the LMHA Scholarship Committee will select and award one scholarship to a deserving youth member of LMHA.

The value of each scholarship is One-Thousand Dollars (\$1000). Recipients have up to 2 years after selection to claim their scholarship. The recipient is eligible to claim the scholarship funds upon proof of enrolment.

## **Overview of the Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee is appointed by LMHA every two years. The Committee will consist of up to 5 individuals with a minimum of 3, including at least one LMHA Board of Directors representative who serves as Chairperson and two Educator / Education Administrator members. The Committee's recommendations are subject to final approval from the LMHA Board of Directors.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following:

- Was an athlete, coach, or official in LMHA for at least two (2) full seasons
- Must have been a member within the last three (3) years
- Twenty-one (21) years old or younger, at the time of application deadline
- Accepted into, or currently enrolled in, an accredited post-secondary institution
- Not previously awarded an LMHA scholarship
- LMHA member in good financial standing (currently or at the conclusion of LMHA membership)

## **Selection Criteria**

Applications will be assessed using the following selection criteria:

1. Contributions to LMHA's mission, vision and strategic priorities
2. Citizenship and/or contributions to the community
3. Character

If additional factors are required to select the recipient, some or all of the following may be taken into consideration:

- Post-secondary student athlete
- Financial need
- Other contributions /achievements in the sport of ice hockey (not in LMHA)
- # years in hockey
- # years in LMHA
- Academic performance
- Discipline history in LMHA
- Other

## How To Apply

The application package must include:

1. Fully completed and signed application form (available on the LMHA website)
2. Two (2) letters of reference
3. Copy of the most recent high school transcript
4. Proof of enrolment in post-secondary studies
5. Letter or essay outlining qualifications (maximum 500 words)

Submit the application form and all supporting documentation in one email to: [scholarship@lmha.ab.ca](mailto:scholarship@lmha.ab.ca)

Printed applications will also be accepted. Three (3) signed copies of the application form and three (3) copies of all supporting documentation must be submitted in one envelope, date stamped no later than 11:59 pm, December 1 (see extension noted below for 2022) , and mailed to:

LMHA

Attn: Scholarship Committee

Box 3876

Leduc, AB, T9E 6M8

## Application & Process

All applications become the property of LMHA. LMHA may excerpt information from the application to include in the public announcement of the scholarship recipient or in future scholarship marketing campaigns.

## Scholarship disbursement

The scholarship will be issued by cheque made payable to the scholarship recipient upon proof of enrolment. The recipient may defer receipt of the award for a period no longer than one academic year, and no longer than 24 months. Deferment requests must include a reason for deferment and must be made in writing to the LMHA Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

## Deadline to apply

Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by 11:59pm on December 1.

**DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR 2022 SUBMISSIONS:** For the 2022 year, the deadline has been extended to December 23, 2022, 11:59pm.