

Fee Assistance

St. Albert Minor Hockey recognizes there are several costs associated with playing hockey and that these can sometimes be a hardship for families and a barrier to participation. Wherever possible SAMHA aims to reduce and/or remove these barriers. Below is a list of organizations that offer financial assistance to families who need it.

If you are utilizing any of these organizations, please be sure to contact the office as you will not be able to register online. As the process of applying to these organizations can take quite a long time please be sure to apply and get your registration done in June. Please note you will **not** be able to register online if you are utilizing any type of fee assistance.

Kic/Sport

<u>KidSport</u>

So ALL Kids Can Play!

KidSport will provide up to \$300.00 towards registration to qualified applicants. The \$300.00 is total per calendar year, so for example if you use \$150.00 for soccer, you will only be eligible to receive up to \$150.00 for another registration. KidSport can also help provide equipment, please be sure to indicate your need on your application and they will refer you to Sport Central for equipment – again it is important you apply in June so to be able to have equipment in time for the start of the season. The cheque is written to St. Albert Minor Hockey directly and will be allocated to your child's registration fees. You will need to provide one of the following with your application: Child Health Benefits Letter, Subsidized Housing Documents, Canada Child Benefit Notice, Income Support Documents, three most recent consecutive pay stubs, or Notice of Assessment for each adult in the home for the most recent tax year. It typically takes between 4-6 weeks for an application to be processed. To apply for KidSport online please go to www.kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/st-albert and click on Apply for Assistance. When you apply online you will be given a file number or application number, please be sure to send this number to the office so it can be noted on your child's registration. If you would rather not apply on line you can complete a physical application and bring it to the office along with your supporting documentation. There is a section of the application that needs to be filled out by the office and we will submit it on your behalf. The application form can be found on the KidSport website.



JumpStart

JumpStart will provide typically up to \$150.00 towards registration to qualified applicants, the amount you receive is subject to chapter discretion and/or local demands. The annual maximum is \$600.00 subject to chapter discretion and/or local demands. The cheque is written to St. Albert Minor Hockey directly and will be allocated to your child's registration fees. JumpStart can also help provide equipment, please be sure to indicate your need on your application and they will set this up. You will need to provide Proof of Financial need, any one of the following will suffice: income assessment, prior year T4 statement or 3 consecutive pay stubs. It typically

takes between 6-8 weeks for an application to be processed. JumpStart can only be applied for online, please go to jumpstart.canadiantire.ca and click on Apply. Once you complete your application you will be given a file number or application number, please be sure to send this number to the office so it can be noted on your child's registration. This step is especially important with JumpStart as when they send us funds they will not identify who the funding is for, so we need this file number to allocate the funds to your child. If you are unable to apply for JumpStart online, please feel free to come to the office with your Proof of Financial need and we are more than happy to help you apply.



Lace 'Em Up Foundation for Kids

Lace 'Em Up will cover up to \$1000.00 for families in need. These funds CANNOT be used for registration if other programs (KidSport, JumpStart) are being used for registration however they CAN be used for team fees. The cheque will be written to St. Albert Minor Hockey directly and funds will be redirected to your team. Applications for fall/winter programs will be accepted from July 1 – Oct 31 and typically take 6-8 weeks to process. You will need to provide financial information for your household. Applications can be found online at <u>www.wickfest-laceemup.com</u> and if you need help completing the application please feel free to come to the office and we are more than happy to help you apply. Once you have completed your application please be sure to provide the SAMHA office with any pertinent information (file/application numbers etc.) so we can be sure the funds are directed correctly.



Rotary Club of St. Albert

The Rotary Club of St. Albert has a Community Service Grant that will provide up to \$200.00 per child for families in need. The funds are paid to St. Albert Minor Hockey Association directly and then will be allocated to your child's registration fees. More information can be found on their website at www.stalbertrotaryclub.com

In addition to these organizations, through generous donations from SAMHA members and teams we have access to a benevolent fund for those in need. For more information on this please contact the SAMHA office.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the office, we are glad to help!

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