



The **Winkler Minor Hockey Association 2025-26 Hockey registration is open and are now ACCEPTING applications for the EVAN THOMAS MEMORIAL TRUST FUND.**

Winkler Minor Hockey Registration is now open for the 2025-26 Hockey season. With that, the **Evan Thomas Memorial Trust fund** is now ready to support two athletes to play hockey by covering their hockey registration fees. The funding is intended for players who are **new-to-minor-hockey to break down financial barriers so all kids can experience the benefits of organized hockey.**

The Evan Thomas Memorial Trust Fund is in memory of Evan Thomas, a grandson of Frank & Betty Thomas, formally of Winkler. Evan's life was tragically taken in the Humboldt Broncos bus crash of April 6, 2018. For the Thomas family, and for Evan, hockey was about the connections they made. The Thomas family has many fond memories of times spent at the Winkler arena and the friendships that developed and remain after all these years. They want to share that experience by supporting young players to play hockey and allow them to feel that connection.

To apply, please contact icewmh@gmail.com or register online on the Winkler Minor Hockey website. Apply through the Ramp Registration app - <http://winklermha.rampregistrations.com/> . Applicants will need to create a ramp profile, complete the participant registration, and the emergency contact information registration to access the funding opportunity. We are working closely with Kidsport to determine need and will prioritize applicants for this award that meet Kidsport criteria.

Who is Eligible for KidSport Funding?

Families can apply for KidSport Manitoba funding if they meet the following criteria:

1. **Age:** The child must be 18 years old or younger.
2. **Residency:** The child must reside in Manitoba.
3. **Financial Need:** Families must demonstrate financial need. This can be shown through:
 - Documentation such as proof of income or eligibility for government assistance programs.
 - A referral from a recognized organization or professional (e.g., a teacher, coach, or social worker).
4. **Sport Program:** The child must be enrolling in a recognized, organized sport program that is affiliated with a provincial sport organization.

Deadline to register for the EVAN THOMAS MEMORIAL funding is August 17, 2025.

For more information on how to register for the EVAN THOMAS Memorial Trust grant, contact:

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