

Mary and Keith Kaiser Western Region Ringette Scholarship Award



Foreword

Mary Kaiser began her Ringette career as the co-founder of the Dorchester Ringette Association, also acting as their first President. From there, her involvement skyrocketed. For 19 years, she was the director of the Western Region Ringette Association. Mary stayed active with Western region Ringette for over 35 years. She has been instrumental in the addition of new associations, new leagues and has improved overall membership growth within the Western Region Ringette Association, making it the largest region in Ontario. At the provincial sport level, she has served as a Board Member, sat on the Appeals and Complaint Committee and chaired the annual awards banquet. Upon retiring as Western Region Chair and as a Provincial Board Member Mary returned to the region as Elite Coordinator and then returned to the Provincial Level for 2 additional years as Chair of the Provincial Elite Committee. Mary was recognized as a Provincial Builder in 2006 and granted a place in the Ringette Ontario Hall of Fame.

Keith Kaiser contributed to the sport of Ringette through his leadership, organizational skills, and ability as the Ringette Ontario's webmaster. Keith began Ringette in 1985 as a tournament co-chair for Dorchester Ringette's first tournament. From this beginning Keith went on to become G&T Coordinator for Western Region, G&T Chair for the Provincial Committee, VP Administration on the Ringette Ontario Board, Chair of the 2003 Canadian Ringette Championships and returned to the board for a two-year period as President of Ontario Ringette and a member on the Ringette Canada Board. Keith founded, in 1998, the Western Region Web Page and has been its sole webmaster for over 23 years. His personal favorite achievement was serving as Chair of the Western Regionals for 28 years. Keith was recognized as a Provincial Builder in 2007 and granted a place in the Ringette Ontario Hall of Fame.

Through their passion to the sport and dedication to volunteering in either formal governance roles or providing helping hands when needed, Mary and Keith's contributions have been instrumental in the development of many Western Region Ringette Association athletes. This scholarship award supports those who will continue their post-secondary academic pursuits who have demonstrated a similar passion for volunteering in Western Region Ringette.

The Western Region Ringette Association (WRRRA) has allocated in the 2021 AGM \$6000 to fund the scholarship out of existing reserves. WRRRA executive and WRRRA members will have to determine future methods of funding the scholarship over the next 24 months. Ideally the scholarship will be able to find future funding through a donation(s) or through association contributions to permit the scholarship program to continue on after the initial \$6000 is awarded.

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Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage academic excellence and the pursuit of higher education among members of the Western Region Ringette Association. To provide annually a scholarship of \$500.00 each (five hundred dollars) towards post-secondary education for ringette players who have demonstrated a passion of volunteering commitment and participation in the sport the sport of Ringette. Recipients will also receive a scholarship award certificate recognizing their achievements.

Eligibility

Application for a Scholarship Award may be made by:

- Registered Western Region Ringette Association players in the current season.
- Applicants who will be enrolled full-time in a recognized post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year (September to April).
- Applicants must meet the admission standards of the educational institution specified, which must be a university, college, trade school or other accredited educational institution located in Canada providing courses at a post-secondary school level.
- Applicants must provide evidence of their acceptance for full-time enrollment at the institution for the upcoming academic year. Funds will not be released by Western Region Ringette Association until enrollment at the institution for the upcoming academic year has been confirmed.
- Applicants must have actively participated in Ringette for at least three of the last four years and must be registered in the upcoming playing season.

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Application Package:

The following documents are required to be submitted by the deadline:

1. A written submission, not exceeding 500 words, documenting the significance of participation in Ringette in the applicant's personal development and
2. Letters of character reference (bearing a current date) from two (2) individuals in the Western Region Ringette community, which also confirm portions of your volunteer commitment and
3. A copy of the letter of acceptance to the post-secondary educational institution and
4. A detailed Ringette resume covering all aspects of the applicant's Ringette activity (as a player, coach, official, fundraiser, local association volunteer, etc.)

Application package must be sent to the Chair of the Western Region Ringette Association via email to chairwrra@wrra.ca no later than the end of May (or otherwise posted by the region).

Selection Process:

Applications received by will be reviewed by the Western Region Ringette Association Executive and all decisions made will be final.

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Application

Personal Information:

Applicant Name:	
Home Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Date of Birth:	
Current Team/Association:	

Please provide High School or other secondary education institution info you are currently attending:

School Name:	
Phone:	
Graduation Date:	

Which University / College or other post-Secondary institution do you plan to attend?

School Name:	
Program/Major Area of Study	
Expected Start date:	

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