

Arlington Heights Youth Athletic Association (AHYAA) Scholarship Program

The Arlington Heights Youth Athletic Association (AHYAA) Scholarship Program is a very important aspect of our organization's goal to provide access to youth sports for the Arlington Heights community. We want young residents to have opportunities to learn or continue playing baseball, softball, lacrosse, football and cheer even when financial hardship affects a family. Each league season, with Board approval, AHYAA will review scholarship applications to reduce or waive registration fees for players that need financial assistance.

AHYAA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with limited funding available for scholarships. No guarantee of assistance is implied by this application. AHYAA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in its program and activities. The AHYAA Board of Directors will review fully completed applications prior to the start of the associated season. Once reviewed the applicant will be notified of the board's decision and any waived or reduced registration fees. All information will be held in strict confidence by the AHYAA for sole purposes of determining qualification need for the scholarship program. Interested applicants need to complete the scholarship application and submit the paperwork to the AHYAA office. **Only one application is required per family per season.**

AHYAA expects each scholarship participant and family to maintain good sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship throughout the sport's season. We ask that the parent(s) or guardian of the player make a commitment for their child to attend at least 80% of practices and games. Additionally, we ask that scholarship families volunteer time (5 to 8 hours) during the season either in support of the team, league or AHYAA office. Volunteer hours must be completed no later than one month after the sport in which the scholarship was granted has completed.

Scholarship consideration will be given to families that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Receive assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, Free or Reduced School Lunch, Foster Care, WIC, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Aid for Dependent Children, etc. and can provide documentation of participation in these programs.
- Provide a recommendation from a school representative, social worker, youth community center workers or other social service representative.
- Provide a written statement of financial hardship explaining your current situation. AHYAA recognizes that a family may not be receiving formal assistance from the programs mentioned above, yet financial assistance may still be needed to participate in an AHYAA program. In these instances, the AHYAA board will consider the financial hardship statement to determine scholarship eligibility. Please provide any supporting documentation that may support the facts in your financial hardship statement.

Additional Policy and Procedure Information:

- Incomplete applications will automatically be denied.
- Generally, scholarships are available for participants that live in Arlington Heights (Zip Codes 60004 or 60005).
- Scholarships only apply to AHYAA registration fees and are not transferable to other seasons or programs.
- Based on the number of scholarship applicants, the AHYAA may not be able to grant fee waivers to all eligible applicants and may award partial scholarships.
- Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted no later than two weeks prior to the normal payment deadline.

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- All applications and information provided are considered private data on individuals and is subject to privacy of information provisions, pursuant to state statutes.
- The AHYAA Board reserves the right to verify all information contained on the application form in order to grant, deny or revoke scholarship fee waivers.
- Applicants will be notified either in person, by email, or phone as to the outcome of their scholarship request.
- If approved for a partial scholarship, the remaining program registration fees are due according to the normal registration fee schedule.
- Scholarships will be granted only if funds are available to support scholarships and scholarship awards are at the sole discretion of the AHYAA Board.
- **Approval of a registration scholarship does not register the participant(s) in the activity. Athletes must still register online or in person for the AHYAA sport for which the scholarship was awarded.**
- Submit questions and completed applications to ahyaaoffice@yahoo.com or visit the office at:

AHYAA
1933 N Kennicott Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
847-820-0081

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the AHYAA Scholarship Program:

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date:

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Athlete 1 Information		
Athlete Name:	Age:	Birth date:
Athlete School:	Grade:	
Sport for request: () Baseball () Softball () Cheerleading () Football () Lacrosse		
Is this for a travel or house program? () Travel () House		
Athlete 2 Information		
Athlete Name:	Age:	Birth date:
Athlete School:	Grade:	
Sport for request: () Baseball () Softball () Cheerleading () Football () Lacrosse		
Is this for a travel or house program? () Travel () House		
Athlete 3 Information		
Athlete Name:	Age:	Birth date:
Athlete School:	Grade:	
Sport for request: () Baseball () Softball () Cheerleading () Football () Lacrosse		
Is this for a travel or house program? () Travel () House		
Athlete 4 Information		
Athlete Name:	Age:	Birth date:
Athlete School:	Grade:	
Sport for request: () Baseball () Softball () Cheerleading () Football () Lacrosse		
Is this for a travel or house program? () Travel () House		
Parent/Guardian Information		
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Address:		Zip:
Home Phone:	Mobile/Work Phone:	
E-mail:		
Employer Name:	Occupation:	
Amount of scholarship requested: () Full () Partial		
Application Checklist		
(Provide one of the following along with this form and the signed policy statement)		
() Proof of receipt of state or federal financial assistance		
() Letter from school, social workers, youth community center workers, or other social services representatives		
() Written personal statement of financial hardship		