

Dave Kennedy Sportsmanship Scholarship



Sportsmanship - Above the pursuit of victory

Good sportsmanship is a fundamental aspect of both sports and real life, shaping individuals into better human beings and promoting growth beyond the individual self. In hockey, it is much more than the competition, emphasizing fair play, respect for opponents, and integrity. These principles not only enhance the overall experience of the game but also lay the groundwork for success in life. The ability to win with humility and lose with grace translates into valuable life skills, fostering personal growth and resilience. The ripple effect of good sportsmanship also extends to the community, creating a positive and inclusive environment. As individuals practice sportsmanship, they cultivate stronger relationships, build trust, and promote a sense of unity. Good sportsmanship is not just a set of rules for the game; it is a blueprint for building a thriving community where happiness and growth become a shared goal.

The Dave Kennedy Sportsmanship Scholarship was created in honor of a remarkable man whose passion for the game of ice hockey was only surpassed by his unwavering commitment to the values of good sportsmanship. As both a dedicated coach and a skilled player for the Battle Creek, Michigan Hockey League, he approached the rink with a contagious enthusiasm that inspired all those around him. His deep understanding for the significance of fair play, respect, and integrity not only shaped the way he played but also defined his coaching philosophy. On and off the ice, he exemplified the principles of good sportsmanship, teaching his players not only the strategies of the game but also the life lessons embedded within. His legacy is not only etched in the victories and successes of the teams he led but also in the profound mark he left on the hearts and character of those who had the privilege of sharing the ice with him. Today, we honor a great man whose love for ice hockey transcended the scoreboards, emphasizing the enduring importance of sportsmanship in the beautiful game he so deeply cherished.

For when the one great scorer comes to write against your name,
He writes not that you won or lost,
But how you played the game
-Grantland Rice



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Purpose: The Dave Kennedy Sportsmanship scholarship seeks to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional sportsmanship demonstrated by young individuals actively participating in The Greater Battle Creek Ice Hockey Association (GBCIHA). This initiative aims to highlight the importance of fair play, respect, and integrity, both within the competitive arena and in their day-to-day lives. Scholarships will be used to pay for ice time costs for the current hockey season.

Eligibility: Current GBCIHA players from Squirt (U-10) through Junior level (JV) (approximately 9-18 years of age).

Criteria for Scholarship Assistance: The Dave Kennedy Sportsmanship Scholarship will be awarded to the Greater Battle Creek Ice Hockey player/s who:

- Demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship on and off the ice.
- Grace in both Winning and Losing efforts.
- Exhibit commitment to fair play, respect for teammates, opponents, and officials.
- Showcase leadership qualities and positive contributions to the hockey community.

Timeframe: Must be turned into the Kennedy Representative by January 4th

Amount: \$500-\$1000 or specific percentage based on annual giving allocation, decided by Kennedy Scholarship Representative

Scholarship Communication and Awarding Process: Scholarship applications should be submitted to the Kennedy Representative at davekennedyscholarship@gmail.com who will forward on to the BCOHL for review. Recipients will receive an award letter. The scholarship award check will be mailed to the GBCIHA, this will then be paid out through either Sports engine fees refund or a check from the GBCIHA; in the name of the recipients.

Applicant Profile Information:

Athlete Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent Name: _____ Hockey Year/Level Playing: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Coach Recommendation: Please provide a 100 – 300 word explanation why the player listed above should be considered for the Dave Kennedy Sportsmanship Scholarship. Please include examples of how the player has

