



2025–2026 MWJHL Hockey Season

Scholarship & Bursary Awards

APPLICATION FORM (All scholarships only available to players who played in the current season)

(Please read carefully, complete all sections, and submit as directed below)

DEADLINE: Friday, March 20, 2026

Late applications will not be accepted.

I, _____, am applying for the following MWJHL Scholarship(s).
Applicants may apply for **more than one scholarship**; however, **only one award will be granted per applicant**.

Please place a check mark beside the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.

Full award criteria are outlined below.

Scholarships Applied For

- ☐ **PAL Awards – Anthony McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship** (8 available) – \$500 each
- ☐ **Darci Instance Foundation Scholarship** (1 available) – \$500
- ☐ **MWJHL Scholarship Award** (1 available) – \$1,000
- ☐ **MWJHL Rookie Scholarship** (1 available) – \$1,000
- ☐ **MWJHL Bursary Award** (4 available) – \$500 applied to 2026–2027 registration fee (no cash value)
- ☐ **Kirk Koppers MWJHL Bursary** (1 available) – 2026–2027 registration fee (no cash value)

Note:

The McKenna Riley Memorial Scholarship requires a **separate application** and is **not included** in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

MWJHL Team (2025–2026 Season): _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Planned Post-Secondary Institution (2026–2027): _____

Planned Faculty / Technical / Trade Area of Study: _____

Number of Credits/Units Planned (2026–2027 Academic Year): _____

Prior Post-Secondary Grade Averages (if applicable):

- Year 1: _____ Year 2: _____ Year 3: _____ Year 4: _____

Recent Marks:

Please include a copy of your most recent marks. Documents must display the institution's logo.

Official transcripts are not required.

CHARACTER & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

(Required for all applications)

Letters of Reference

Please include **two letters of reference**:

- One from a **hockey coach or manager**, and
- One from a **professor, teacher, employer, or other long-term non-family acquaintance**

References should address work ethic, community involvement, citizenship, and character.

Personal Essay (Maximum One Page)

Your essay must address the following:

- Career and hockey goals
- Contributions to your community
- How this scholarship would assist in continuing your education
- Recent volunteer work or community involvement within the past **two years**

Applicants for **PAL Group financial-need scholarships** must also explain the financial hardship related to education costs.

DECLARATION

I declare that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I confirm that I have answered all applicable questions and that I will be enrolled as a full-time student for the stated educational period.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please email a **scanned copy** of pages 1 and 2 only of your completed application and all supporting documents to: **Linda Benson** ✉ lmbenson44@outlook.com

AWARDS & CRITERIA

Anthony McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship / PAL Group - 8 awards available – \$500 each

- Must be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary degree, diploma, or certificate program
- Demonstrated academic success (not based solely on grades)
- **Financial need:** Four of the eight awards require demonstrated financial need (please explain)

Kirk Koppers MWJHL Bursary- Registration Fee Credit – 2026–2027 Season (No cash value)

- Must intend to play the full MWJHL season in 2026–2027
- Must demonstrate that you are a team-first player who loves the game
- Applicant must submit
 - A **self-evaluation**,
 - An evaluation from **one current teammate and**,
 - An evaluation from **one current coach**
 - Evaluations must be based on the applicant's self-assessment and address the following **Seven Traits of a Team Player** (Minnesota Hockey – Jess Christopherson, Jan. 4, 2016):
 - 1. Less “Me” and More “We”, 2. Passion, 3. Hard Work, 4. Communication,
 - 5. Seeing the Big Picture, 6. Reliability, 7. Respect

MWJHL Scholarship Award - 1 award available – \$1,000

- Enrolled in a recognized post-secondary degree, diploma, or certificate program
- Demonstrated academic success (good standing; not based solely on grades)
- Community, team, and/or league involvement
- Demonstrated love of the game and positive role model within the league

MWJHL Rookie Award - 1 award available – \$1,000

- First-year (rookie) MWJHL player during the 2025–2026 season
- Enrolled in a recognized post-secondary program
- Academic success (honour status not required)
- Community, team, and/or league involvement
- Demonstrated athletic excellence and/or leadership during rookie season

MWJHL Bursary Awards - 4 available – \$500 applied to 2026–2027 Registration Fee (No cash value)

- Community, team, and/or league involvement
- Demonstrated love of the game and positive role model within the league
- Post-secondary enrollment not required (may be included)
- Financial need considered (please explain)

Darci Instance Scholarship - 1 award available – \$500

- Attending or planning to attend post-secondary education in pursuit of an **Education degree**
- Active volunteer with recent community service involvement

McKenna Riley Memorial Scholarship - 1 award available – \$1,000

- Separate application available on the MWJHL website
- Completed applications must be emailed to: **Lisa & Kevin Riley** – klriley9@icloud.com