



REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2016-17 Season

Please see the link below for the Financial Assistance application. SCAHA will give priority for financial assistance funds to those players who were registered with a SCAHA club last year, who are currently registered with a SCAHA club, who have *permanent residence* in Southern California, and whose need for assistance is greatest. SCAHA receives many requests for assistance and cannot award assistance to everyone who submits an application.

If SCAHA awards an assistance amount, the funds are sent directly to the club on the player's behalf. Any differential between the award and player's season fee/club dues is the player's personal responsibility. Financial assistance award amounts vary and **represent only a fraction of a player's season fee/club dues** and usually ranges in the low to mid hundred dollars. SCAHA does not award assistance to anyone appearing on the league delinquency list.

In order to be considered for financial assistance, you must do the following:

- Print out and complete a copy of the financial assistance application (see link below), one application form for each player. Applications MUST come from a documented legal and financially responsible parent, family relative or legal guardian.
- Provide a copy of first two pages of your 2015 Federal Tax Return (Social Security Numbers omitted please) and a copy of your current income status (i.e., last two (2) months pay stubs or proof of self-employment income, unemployment, disability, social security or workers compensation benefit statements, or other proof of current income). This supporting documentation MUST come from a legal and financially responsible parent, family member or legal guardian.
- Any application that shows a single or combined income level at or below \$50,000/yr. MUST also provide a detailed written explanation as to how the player's financial obligations to their respective club/team will be met, knowing that any SCAHA financial assistance award will cover only a small fraction of the total season fee/club dues.
- Mail (do not e-mail) the application, tax return, and your related documents to the address listed on the application. **NO STAPLED DOCUMENTS AND DO NOT SEND THE APPLICATION PACKAGE "SIGNATURE REQUIRED"!!**

If you do not send the tax return and current income status documentation with the application form, your application will NOT be considered. **NO FOLLOWUP WILL BE MADE BY SCAHA TO SECURE MISSING OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION.** Such will be deemed an insufficient/incomplete application and will **NOT** be considered. A simple statement that the tax return is not available, or no documentation confirming applicants financial status, is unacceptable and the application will **NOT** be processed. Multi-player families need to submit an application form for each player, but need only submit one copy of supporting documentation. Please note that during application review, additional information may be requested and required.

The deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm September 30, 2016. Notification of awards will be done by e-mail in October. Award checks will be sent to the club in October or November and will be applied to club dues only. Due to the large volume of applications, SCAHA will not send e-mail notifications to those who are **not** receiving an award. If you have not received an e-mail by November 1, you will not be receiving an award this season.