



## REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 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 and 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. **Players not currently registered for a current 2024-2025 SCAHA Club/Team/Level – DO NOT QUALIFY – for SCAHA Financial Assistance.**

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. **All Applications must be completed in its entirety.** 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 2023 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.
- **Applications showing single or combined projected 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 applicant's 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 October 15, 2024. Notification of awards will be done by e-mail no later than November 30th. Award checks will be sent to the club no later than December 15th and will be applied to club dues first and any residual award amount will be applied to the player's Team Assessments if applicable. 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 30, you will not be receiving an award this season.

**SOME EXAMPLES OF DISQUALIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS**

REASONS FOR DQ OF APPLICATION	HOW TO RECTIFY
1. Did not Sign an LOI with a SCAHA member Club for the 2024-2025 Playing Season	<b>DENIED – Only current 2024-2025 SCAHA member participants may apply</b>
2. Does not reside in SoCal	<b>DENIED – Must be a permanent resident of SoCal</b>
3. Did not provide proof of current income	<b>DENIED – Must provide proof of income</b>
4. Incomplete Application Form	All fields on application form must be completed – including current 2024-2025 SCAHA Club/Team/Level – <b>e.g. Wave 16A</b>
5. Income at \$50,000 or below – did not provide letter explaining how balance of dues would be paid	Must provide a letter explaining how the balance of the club dues will be paid
6. Did not provide 2023 Tax Return	If did not file 2023 Tax Return then must submit 2022 Tax Return copy and reasons why 2023 Tax Return not filed
7. Currently on unemployment – did not submit proof	Submit copies of unemployment weekly stubs and/or checks or letter stating awarding of unemployment with duration of # of weeks qualified
8. Currently on Disability – did not submit proof	Submit letter qualifying for disability complete/with amount of payments and approved length of disability
9. Workman’s Compensation – did not submit proof	Submit letter qualifying for workers’ compensation complete/with amount of payments and approved length of workers’ comp

