



HOCKEY MANITOBA SCHOLARSHIPS

The game of hockey has provided many teachable moments and some equally valuable life lessons. In addition to the on-ice experiences and enjoyment, Hockey Manitoba also recognizes the importance of a strong educational foundation, and each year awards twenty (20) post-secondary scholarships to graduating student member athletes. In an effort to continue to acknowledge outstanding contributions, Hockey Manitoba has chosen to name many of its scholarships after the following outstanding members to leave a legacy in their honor.

George Allard Memorial Scholarship - \$1500.00

Born in The Pas, George was an outstanding goalkeeper during his playing years. He organized and played for Flin Flon Intermediates, the National AA champions in 1965. There he was a player, volunteer coach/manager from 1956 - 1967. He was manager of the Flin Flon Junior Bombers for three years and a scout for the New York Rangers.

George served as the Hockey Manitoba Executive Director for three decades. He was also Secretary-Treasurer of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League from 1967 - 1977. Awarded the Hockey Canada Order of Merit in 1985, he also served on committees such as the first World Junior Championships and the Government of Canada Hockey Review.

George's impact on the game is truly difficult to measure.

Don Kuryk Scholarship - \$1500.00

Born in Winnipeg, Kuryk was rated one of Manitoba's top Level VI referees in the game and officiated many crucial hockey games during a 35-year career. He officiated in the Winnipeg minor hockey system, Manitoba Junior Hockey League, Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League, Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (now known as U-Sports, Western Hockey League, IIHL, and worked in the World Hockey Championships, Allan, Centennial and Hardy Cup finals. Don Kuryk was also the referee-in-chief of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League and the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union.

Jerry Kruk Memorial Scholarship - \$1500.00

Jerry was a long-time member of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Board of Directors prior to losing his battle with cancer in 2012. Jerry played his youth hockey in Winnipeg's north end and was a member of the last Winnipeg based team to win the Memorial Cup, the 1957 Winnipeg Braves. Jerry went on to graduate from the University of Manitoba with a degree in Engineering. He was a great contributor to the Winnipeg business community through his association with Intercity Gas Company and latterly as the CEO of CAA Manitoba.

Orville Acres Memorial Scholarship (Girls/Women only) - \$1000.00

The name Orville Acres was synonymous with women's hockey in Manitoba and throughout Canada. He was a player, coach, official, administrator and promoter who played a major role in the development of hockey throughout the province for over 40 years. Orville Acres devoted a lifetime to promoting, developing, organizing, and improving amateur hockey in Manitoba.

Orville earned the respect of his peers and was a highly visible member of the women's hockey program in the province. As a model hockey builder, he touched the lives of many people, guided many gifted athletes, coaches and officials alike. Fairness in sport was his guiding principle.

A true ambassador to the sport, Orville Acres exemplified the leadership qualities and has made significant contributions to the advancement of female hockey in Canada.

Todd Davison Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00

Todd played the game of hockey with tremendous speed and a big heart, never letting size limit his ability to compete. A feisty forward in the WHL and with the Lloydminster Blazers of the AJHL, he always played the game with intensity. Todd was also assistant captain for Team Manitoba at the 2003 Canada Winter Games in Campbellton - Bathurst, NB and named Team Manitoba's honorary captain for the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, YK. He was very well respected by his teammates and achieved success on and off the ice through his hard work, determination and passion for life.

In June 2004, two days after graduating from St. Paul's High School, Todd was diagnosed with Synovial Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Todd applied his trademark perseverance and limitless spirit not only to his personal battle with cancer, but also to a larger goal, the fight to end cancer. Inspired by the positive attitude and inspirational work of people such as Lyle Bauer and Mario Lemieux who also faced and conquered this dreadful disease, Todd strived to make a difference.

Todd lost his fight with cancer in December 2006, but his commitment to make a difference continues to inspire. Hockey Manitoba recognizes Todd's tremendous, unselfish commitment to the game and has established a scholarship in his name to continue his legacy.

Jack Forsyth Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00

From Hartney, Jack was actively involved in the game for over six decades serving the game as a player, coach, official and administrator. He was an educator who served both as a teacher and principal in rural schools across southwestern Manitoba. He helped found the AAA Midget Hockey League and served as the Secretary and President of the South West Hockey League. Jack also served on the Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors for many years, (including President from 2001 - 2004) and on the Hockey Canada Board of Directors from 2001 - 2007; the final three years as the National Chair of Minor Hockey.

In 2008 Jack was awarded the Hockey Canada Order of Merit. Jack is recognized as a Life Member of Hockey Manitoba and also served as the Commissioner of the Manitoba Midget AAA Hockey League for over 20 years.

Jack's determination and dedication to advancing the game will have an impact for generations.

Nick Hill Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00

Nick Hill played minor hockey in Winnipeg's North End, Junior hockey for the Port Author Bruins, had a short bout with the Boston Bruins organization and ended up playing for Milwaukee in the IHL. Nick returned to Winnipeg whereupon he launched a career in sales and founded Kern-Hill Furniture Co-op, coining the phrase "C'mon down!"

Nick's passion for the game of hockey was second to none. He coached all levels of hockey in Manitoba. Team and player development was a very important part of his coaching philosophy. He was one of the original founders of AAA hockey in the city, and he felt that Winnipeg needed tiered hockey in order to compete with the larger cities across Canada. Whether it was coaching community club, AAA, Junior or Senior hockey in Manitoba, Nick was a



fierce competitor in everything he did. He always made the time to assist or advise the many players and coaches he spoke to until the last few days of his life.

Bill Addison Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00

Originally from Carberry, Manitoba, Addison was the president of the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association from 1967 - 1970 and served as commissioner of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League for more than two decades. He was also a founding member of the Manitoba Sports Federation.

Mr. Addison received an award from the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to recognize his contributions to the growth of amateur hockey and was also presented with a Manitoba Gold Medal for outstanding community service by then Sport Minister Jim Ernst.

Bill managed the last Manitoba team to win the Memorial Cup, the Winnipeg Braves hockey team, in 1958 - 1959 and in 1985, Addison was inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame.

Ralph Borger Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00

Ralph served 38 years as a Builder and Administrator in Minor and Junior hockey for Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada. He also served as a Director of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum and on the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. He owned and administered the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's St. Boniface Saints Hockey Club for 28 years. Ralph was extremely proud of the positive role and influence it had on the lives of many young men in hockey who went on to successful and fulfilling careers.

Ralph was known as the ultimate fundraiser. He raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for minor and junior hockey in Manitoba. He received various awards for his contributions to hockey including being named Volunteer of the Millennium by Hockey Manitoba followed by his induction in 2005 into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame.

Ralph was further honored as a Life Member of Hockey Manitoba.

Bob Caldwell Scholarship - \$750.00

Bob played hockey for the University of Brandon before getting heavily involved in the coaching aspect of the game. In his local community of Deloraine, MB he established a sport development fund in order to subsidize costs and bring instruction to the kids rather than having to send them to other communities. He also operated the on-ice portion of the Breakfast Club twice a week which allows players from Atom – Midget to work on skating and puck handling skills.

Bob is the Chair of the Athlete Development Committee for Hockey Manitoba and has been involved with the selection of coaches for Hockey Manitoba's Provincial teams. In addition, he is Hockey Manitoba's master mentor and the true driving force behind the branch Coach Mentorship program. He has spent countless hours on and off the ice with young coaches across the province and somehow has managed to facilitate over 90% of the 35+ specialty clinics each year. These clinics, which have proven to be a tremendous resource for many communities, were Bob's creation and have since been further developed by Hockey Canada across the country.

Bob also serves as Chair of the Coach Advisory Board for Coaching Manitoba. His dedication to improving coaches and coaching tactics has been beneficial not only to our coaching community but also to those players that prosper as a result. Bob's tireless efforts and hard work have made him an incredible asset to Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada.



Brian Franklin Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00

From Deloraine, Manitoba Brian was part of the game of hockey in Manitoba for over 50 years. He began officiating at age 15 and eventually attained his Level 5 certification officiating the Canada Games in Brandon, games in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, and officiating in two US Division 3 College National Championships.

Brian served as the Deloraine Minor Hockey Association Vice President from 1981 to 1987 before becoming a crucial volunteer with the Manitoba AAA U18 Hockey League, imparting his knowledge resulting in a major impact on the growth and stability of U18 AAA hockey in Manitoba.

Brian also had a vested interest in the continuation of Senior Hockey within Manitoba. Brian became the Senior Director for Hockey Manitoba in 1990 and served on the Board in this capacity until 1997 when he became the Chair of Senior Hockey for the branch.

Brian was elected as the Vice President of Hockey Manitoba in 2005 and became President of Hockey Manitoba in 2007 where he served as the leader of the organization until 2012. Brian sat on the Hockey Manitoba Board for an incredible 27 years as well as on numerous committees at Hockey Canada. In 2015 Brian was recognized as the first recipient of the Frank McKinnon Outstanding Volunteer Award and in 2021 he was awarded the Hockey Canada Order of Merit for his contribution and service to the game of hockey.

Ryan Galloway Scholarship (Officials only) - \$750.00

The native of Winnipeg, Manitoba started officiating at the early age of 12 in the St. James district of Winnipeg. He would go on and work every level of Hockey Manitoba.

In the summer of 1996, a group of Canadian Businessmen from Winnipeg bought an International Hockey League (IHL) team from St. Paul Minnesota named the Minnesota Moose and relocated the team in Winnipeg in order to fill the void left by the Jets moving to the Arizona's desert. When the IHL looked at the top prospect linesmen in the Winnipeg area to work the new Manitoba Moose team's home games, Galloway's name was at the top of the list and he was hired by the IHL.

He worked the top levels of hockey in Manitoba, including the Juniors with a few games a month in the IHL until the 2000 season where the IHL merged with the American Hockey League.

His hard work and dedication to the game were rewarded in the summer of 2002 at the age of 30 when the National Hockey League offered him a minor league linesman contract. He would go on and work a full year between the AHL and the NHL as a minor league contracted official before getting promoted to a full-time NHL linesman status the following summer. Ryan went on to officiate 1409 regular season and 23 playoff games over a 22-season career in the NHL.

Albert E. Horsemah "Abbie" Coe Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00

Abbie was born in Teeswater, Ontario in 1885 and after serving in World War 1, in which he was awarded the Military Cross for bravery, he worked for the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association for 45 years.

From 1918 to 1963 he was on the Executive and served as President from 1924 to 1927. He would act as President again from 1934 to 1937, and once more from 1942 to 1946. He spent fifteen years as an Executive Member, seventeen years as the Secretary-Manager and thirteen years as President.



A long-time newspaper executive with the Winnipeg Free Press, Abbie Coo was a fixture in the boardrooms of amateur hockey.

R.A. "Sam" Fabro Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00

Born in Udine, Italy, Sam Fabro moved to Winnipeg as a child and played with the 1941 Memorial Cup winning Winnipeg Rangers. He was one of the founders and first Chairman of the Manitoba Hockey Players Foundation in 1967 and was a leader in the creation of the Hockey Hall of Fame & Museum in 1985.

Fabro was also a huge influence and instrumental builder in more than just hockey. The Chair of the 1974 Winter and 1978 Summer Games, Fabro was a co-founder of the Manitoba Marathon and Canoeathon and Chair of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame. He was President of the Manitoba Baseball Association from 1968 - 1969, Chairman for the Manitoba Games from 1974 - 1978, and vice chairman of the Wildlife Foundation of Manitoba.

Ronald A. "Sam" Fabro was admitted to the Order of Canada in 1975 and will be turning 95 in December.

Ian Heather Scholarship - \$750.00

Ian Heather was referee-in-chief the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association from 1973 - 1978, the Winnipeg High School League from 1987 - 1994 and the Hockey Manitoba referee-in-chief from 2002 - 2011. Ian also served as the supervisor of officials for the 2003 CIS women's championship, the 2005 Royal Bank Cup and was heavily involved in the 2002 Under-17 tournament in Stonewall/Selkirk, the 2009 Allan and TELUS Cups in Manitoba and finally the World Under-17 championship in Winnipeg in 2011.

Ian played a significant role in the development of current NHL Manitoba officials Rob Martell, Vaughan Rody, and Ryan Galloway, and as an instructor and national supervisor, he has also had a hand in guiding other Canadian officials who have achieved success in making it to the NHL.

Ian Heather is a member of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the Hockey Canada Officiating Award in 2010. Ian is a retired teacher who has since taken on a position in the penalty box crew of the NHL Off-ice Officiating Department for Winnipeg Jets games.

Sheldon Lanchbery Scholarship - \$750.00

Sheldon served as the President of both Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada. He was elected to the Chair of the Canadian Hockey Association's Board of Directors in 2001 and a member since 1994 while serving as a CHA Officer since 1996. He served as the chairman of the Mentorship Committee and was instrumental in the formation and development of the CHA Coach Mentorship program in 2000.

Sheldon's vision, leadership and legal acumen was a guiding light in the adoption of a variety of programs and structure of both branch and national programs. As President of Hockey Manitoba, Lanchbery spearheaded the CHA "Speak Out" program as the chairman of the Harassment and Abuse Prevention Committee.

Sheldon was appointed to her majesty's Courts of Bench in June 2013 and is a native of Deloraine, Manitoba.



Buck Matiowski Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00

Matiowski was a trailblazer for several hockey firsts in Manitoba such as organizing the first-ever provincial women's hockey tournament in 1955 and founding Western Manitoba's first summer hockey school in Brandon in 1967. Buck also served as President of the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association in 1984 - 1985.

He coached and operated women's hockey in the rural communities of Shoal Lake and Bisset and in 1968 wrote a groundbreaking report called "Task Force on Hockey Violence" for use by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. In 1976 he introduced a new plan to divide the province into regions for the organization of amateur hockey, a system that is still used to this day.

An author and innovator, Buck's forward-thinking has left a significant and positive mark on the game in Manitoba and his contribution is both significant, lasting, and important in the development of hockey in our Province.

Dr. W. F. Taylor Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00

Born in Campbellford, Ontario, Dr. Taylor was an excellent administrator and one of the pioneer builders of hockey not only in this province, but also in the country.

The first organization to deal with the administration and development of hockey in Canada was the Amateur Hockey Association of Canada, which was organized on December 8th, 1886. Over time, other organizations in Canada came into existence and on December 4th, 1914, the first meeting to provide for a national body was held in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa. The impetus for a national organization came from a group of men in Winnipeg, one of which was Dr. W. F. Taylor, representing the Manitoba Hockey Association.

Taylor was selected as the first President for both the national and provincial organizations that governed amateur hockey and planted the seeds for growth and direction of the game in our country over 100 years ago.

Dianne Woods Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00

From Winnipeg, the daughter of a sporting family, Woods spent years filling volunteer and leadership roles in the hockey world. Dianne served as Executive Director of Hockey Winnipeg for 15 years and worked tirelessly and unselfishly in order to grow the sport. In what may be one of her most enduring legacies, she long championed creating new hockey opportunities for girls and women. She also helped lead many efforts to make sports more accessible to low-income families and created a Player Assistance Fund that remains today.

Dianne passed away suddenly in 2011, and the Fund was renamed in her honor. A very popular and warm-hearted woman, Dianne always championed improvements and opportunities for members and was a trailblazer for the advancement of the game.

Jim Stirling Memorial Scholarship - 2 x \$500.00

B.F Lorenzetti is the insurance provider for Hockey Canada and its Branches. One of their objectives is to assist in the funding of young athletes and officials. To honor the contributions of long serving BFL colleague and friend Jim Stirling who passed away in 2013, BFL Canada has decided to change the name of the BFL Canada Risk and Insurance Scholarship program to the Jim Stirling Scholarship Program donated by BFL Canada.

