

BLACK HILLS BADGES FOR HOPE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Black Hills Badges for Hope (BHBFP) may grant registration fee scholarships to children who without this financial assistance would not be able to participate in activities. Black Hills Badges for Hope scholarship program focuses on providing opportunities for area youth to participate because of the physical, mental, and character-training benefits youth activities can provide.

The scholarship committee, which includes the Black Hills Badges for Hope Board, will consider all complete applications received. The amount of the scholarship awarded (if any) may be a partial or full scholarship depending on the number of applicants, and amount of scholarship funds available. Scholarships are awarded for one per registrant and are only valued for one sport at a time, therefore, individuals must reapply for each year they are requesting assistance.

Black Hills Badges for Hope is a non-profit organization with a limited amount of funding available for scholarship athletes. No guarantee of assistance is implied in this application.

Requirements for eligibility:

- Athlete must be age 10 or older and must reside within western South Dakota.
- Commitment to attend a minimum of 90% of scheduled practices and games.
- Application must be completed by a parent, guardian, or sponsor with all requested information provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The application is on the following page.
- Scholarship requests must be submitted to BHBFH no later than two (2) weeks prior to the regular registration deadline.

Application Process:

- Complete the Scholarship Application Form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- The BHBFH Board will contact you in within 7 days of the application being received.
- Scholarship application approval will be based on verification of financial need and availability of scholarship funds.

Other Important Information:

- Scholarships will be provided on a first-come, funding and space available basis.
- Transportation to events is not part of the scholarship.

Consideration will be given to eligible youth meeting one or more of the criteria below. The more information you can provide us the better able we will be to determine hardship. A written request is required.

- Receiving assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. (Must provide written documentation of participation in these programs)
- Written recommendation by school representatives, social workers, family, or friend of the family.
- Documentation demonstrating an immediate financial hardship.
- Current school attending.
- Current Grades at school.
- Current School Year Attendance record.

Black Hills Badges for Hope does not discriminate based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, physical ability, or cultural and religious backgrounds.