

The Aaron Yeck Memorial Bursary

Aaron Yeck (Yecker)
April 12, 1973 - December 27th, 2006

Aaron Yeck was raised in the village of Bright where he was active in many sports. Aaron had a passion for both softball and hockey.

He was a firm believer in giving back what he had received in his youth while playing both softball and hockey. This is what led him into coaching.

Aaron began coaching hockey in Plattsville while furthering his education. Come spring, he was coaching ball in Innerkip. After many years of coaching softball, Aaron was asked if he was interested in coaching hockey in Embro.

It didn't take much thought of Aaron to make a decision to come to Embro to coach. He thought of all the years he had played against Embro teams in minor hockey and all of the friends he had made throughout the years.

So the opportunity felt right. Aaron took pride in teaching hockey skills and instilled team work, dedication and determination to his players.

He always had something positive to say about his young players and would brag about their skills.

When asked by his family at the start of each new season about his team, he would say "It's a building year" and then go on to tell us about each player, their skills and what he was going to work on to build that team.

Aaron was proud of what he gave to the sport of hockey.

Through consultation with Aaron's wife Kerry and Aaron's mother Heather, Embro Minor Hockey Association has decided to administer a bursary to give back to community male hockey players, in remembrance of Aaron. The bursary fund was formed through generous donations from family and friends and from the Annual Aaron Yeck Memorial Atom Hockey Tournament.

EMHA will grant two awards of \$100 each annually to qualified applicants.

Criteria

The bursary is available to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Is entering post secondary education, apprenticeship program or other educational program

- Has played the majority of their hockey years with the EMHA.
- Is 21 yrs of age or younger as of Dec 31 of the year of application

Application

Applicants must complete an electronic application form on the Embro Minor Hockey Association website by June 30th. The electronic application will require the following information:

- Birthdate
- Details of the years you played in the Embro Minor Hockey system
- A summary of what hockey has meant to you and what plans you have to be involved in hockey in the future.
- Confirmation of the education program you are enrolled in (ie: tuition receipt)

Review Process

A committee directed by EMHA will review all applications received by the deadline date. The committee at its sole discretion will select the winners who appear to be best qualified and most promising based on the application.

The committee will be the sole decision makers on the granting of any bursary and are authorized to withhold the bursary if there are no qualified applicants.

Bursary Winners

Embro Minor Hockey will notify each winner and will pay the funds directly to the winner. Bursary amounts are subject to availability of funds and can be changed as determined by EMHA.