



Al Boyd Memorial Bursary Application Form

About Al Boyd

Al Boyd began his involvement with hockey with Grandview Minor Hockey Association. He took on many volunteer roles, from team management to President, but his true passion was coaching young players. After the amalgamation of the East Vancouver minor hockey associations, Al continued to coach with VMHA and was honored as a Life Member of Grandview MHA.

Although coaching minor hockey is primarily about developing hockey skills, Al always emphasized the importance of being a better person. Whether taking his team to volunteer in the community or instilling respect for Veterans on Remembrance Day, Al expected more from his players. He was a man of integrity who had a lasting positive impact on the young players fortunate enough to call him "Coach."

This bursary is awarded annually to a VMHA member who best demonstrates the qualities that Al valued: hard work, integrity, commitment, and volunteerism.

Eligibility:

- Open to all VMHA members in good standing (players, referees, and coaches) who have met all financial and certification requirements of VMHA, PCAHA, and BC Hockey.
- Applicants must be enrolling in an accredited post-secondary institution within 18 months of application.

Award Amount:

- The current bursary amount is \$1,000.
- A cheque will be made payable directly to the post-secondary institution the recipient is attending.
- If unclaimed by September 1 of the year following receipt, the bursary will revert to the bursary fund.

Application Deadline:

- April 1st

Award Date:

- The bursary will be presented at the VMHA Awards Dinner or the AGM if an Awards Dinner is not held.

Application Requirements:

1. **Completed application form** (see below).
2. **Letter(s) of recommendation** from a non-family member (teacher, coach, employer, or mentor) attesting to the applicant's character and contributions to their community.
3. **Letter or notice of acceptance** to a post-secondary institution.

Submission Instructions:

- Email applications to president@vmha.com.
 - Subject Line: *Al Boyd Memorial Bursary - [Applicant Name]*
 - Attachments must be in **Word or PDF format**.
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Applicant Information

- First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
- Address: _____
- City: _____ Postal Code: _____
- Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
- Email: _____

History of VMHA Involvement (You may attach a separate letter outlining the following information if preferred)
(List teams and roles within VMHA, starting with the most recent.)

Community Involvement & Volunteer Work

(Provide details of your community service, volunteer work, and any leadership roles.)

Why do you believe you are a deserving candidate for this bursary?

(Describe how you embody the values of hard work, integrity, commitment, and volunteerism.)