

Pembroke Youth Hockey Joseph Birolini and William Hickey Scholarship Application

Purpose: 1) Assist former PYH players pursuing higher education & 2) Provide financial assistant to current PYH participants that demonstrate a financial need.

Deadline for Higher Education Award Application: April 1, 2024

Higher Education Scholarship Amount: \$1500 (3 awards: 1 PHS boy, 1 PHS girl, and 1 additional PYH alumni).

Qualifying Criteria:

- 1) Member of any high school's 2023 graduating class.
- 2) Played at least 1 year in good standing as a player of Pembroke Youth Hockey.
- 3) Enrolled in an institution of higher education.
- 4) A minimum 500-word essay, the topic will include both of the following: "What I learned about Sportsmanship at PYH..." and "My thoughts on Former PHS Boys Varsity Coach Mark Duffy's 5 lessons that he wrote about Joey and Billy..." (see below for Duffy's 5).
- 5) Letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or mentor.

Instructions:

- 1) Complete all fields in the application below.
- 2) Include a typed copy of your essay.
- 3) Include a typed and signed copy of your recommendation letter.
- 4) Mail application, essay and letter of recommendation to:

Pembroke Youth Hockey

P.O. Box 1022

Pembroke, MA 02359

- 5) If all criteria are satisfied, and the applicant is selected, a check for the full amount of the scholarship will be presented in person at the student's school awards night. If necessary, a check will be mailed to the address on file.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School: _____

Institution Enrolled In: _____

Year(s) Played in PYH: _____

The awarding of scholarships shall be at the sole discretion of the Pembroke Youth Hockey Scholarship Committee, specifically the Birolini and Hickey families.

Former PHS Boys Varsity Coach Mark Duffy's 5 lessons that he wrote about Joey and Billy.

- 1) Leaders who get the most out of their people are the leaders who care the most about their people. Difficult conversations can be made easy if done the right way.
- 2) Improve on getting the puck out of your zone so you can have some fun on offense. On the ice: take the right angles, check over your shoulders constantly, gather information, communicate (sometimes with words or sometimes just a look or a glance), read each other's body language and support each other. Off the ice: pay attention, read a room, read people, communicate with words and body language, and approach people and support them.
- 3) Leadership is not a rank or position, it's a choice. Make the right choices and look after the person to your left and the person to your right.
- 4) Always want to be on the ice at crucial times. Ask for it. Be comfortable in high pressure situations in a position to support your team. Do whatever is necessary. Be dependable and calm under pressure. Breathe, support, be present, know your role, and do it to the best of your ability.
- 5) Friendship. Be part of a great group with all different types of people. Make everyone feel welcome and accepted. The closest friends can be tight as humanly possible, beyond utility and pleasure. These relationships are built on trust and shared values. Have deep connections. Reach out to past friendships like this and continue to nurture the ones you have today.