

Dairy Farmers offer bursary program for OMHA players

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The Ontario Minor Hockey Association is partnering with the Dairy Farmers of Ontario to present a bursary program which recognizes minor hockey players for outstanding commitment.

The program recognizes players for community service, athletics, and academics.

There are two awards ? the Dairy Farmers of Ontario Bursary, and the Wally Scott Bursary.

Recipients of the awards will receive financial support toward their post-secondary education.

There are five DFO Bursaries that will be awarded at \$8,000. The Wally Scott Bursary recipients can receive between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

“Dairy Farmers of Ontario supports Ontario youth in achieving their goals, both on and off the ice,” said Cheryl Smith, DFO's chief executive officer. “MilkUP represents perseverance, originality and heart and these values are the focus of this bursary program. Dairy farmers and their families proudly recognize the dedication and commitment of young athletes across Ontario, in their journey to pursue athletic, academic and community excellence.”

This is the third season the OMHA is partnering with the Dairy Farmers for these awards.

“We hope these bursaries help our players achieve their goals and that they can continue to give back within their communities,” said OMHA executive director Ian Taylor. “These bursaries are a testament to the time commitment, focus and dedication needed to succeed at a high level both in the classroom and on the ice.”

There are several eligibility requirements for applicants.

Applicants must be active players up to 20 years of age and must have been a registered player in the OMHA for a minimum of five years. A player must be attending a post-secondary institution during the 2022 ? 2023 academic year.

Applicants must maintain a high standard of academic excellence, and active in their local community programs, including sport or social programs. They must be applying to a post-secondary institution in Ontario.

Applicants can apply through the OMHA website.

The cut-off for applications is 8:00 p.m., on February 27, 2022.