



LAKE BONA VISTA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
HOCKEY PROGRAM

BREAKING BARRIERS FUND

Breaking Barriers Fund (BBF) provides financial support to Lake Bonavista Hockey Program families facing financial challenges or obstacles.

Am I eligible for funding?

In order to be considered for financial support, we ask that you first be able to answer yes to the following three questions:

1. Do you have a child(ren) registered in the Breakers hockey program this season?
2. Is the child on whose behalf you are applying between the ages of 4-18?
3. Is your family in a demographic which would be considered in financial need as defined by Government guidelines? Please see table below to confirm

Low income cut-offs before tax

Size of family unit	Current dollars
1	\$24,949
2	\$31,061
3	\$38,185
4	\$46,362
5	\$52,583
6	\$59,304
7	\$66,027

If you can answer “yes” to all three questions, then you will need to provide the following information [to the Breakers Hockey program Registrar](#) as part of the application process.

- Your contact information (name, postal code, telephone number and email address).
- The first name, last name, gender and date of birth of your child.
- The amount that you are requesting from Breaking Barriers Fund.
- The team your child is participating in
- Proof of financial need. Any one of the following will suffice as proof of financial need—income assessment, prior year T4 statement or three consecutive pay stubs. Instructions will be provided in the application on how to upload a copy of these documents

*Please note that if you have more than one child playing this year, you will need to do an application for each participant.

How do I apply for funding?

The fund consists of a three-tier application process. In doing so, it has prioritized timely payment to teams and a reliable framework to ensure all funds are used appropriately and responsibly.

Tier 1

Families that have been awarded funding from one of the following organizations for the upcoming hockey season:

- *Jumpstart*
- *Flames Even Strength*
- *Kid Sport*

If your family has received funding for your hockey fees from the above listed organizations, please send an email to breakingbarriersfund@gmail.com with proof of funding.

Successful Tier 1 applicants will receive payment to go towards team cash calls to a maximum determined annually by the BBF, based on available funds and applications received. Tier 1 applications take priority and will be paid before any other tier request.

Tier 2:

Families that have been approved for funding from an organization outside of the ones listed above.

Proof of funding is required. Please send an email to breakingbarriersfund@gmail.com with proof of funding.

Successful Tier 2 applicants will receive payment to go towards team cash calls to a maximum determined annually by the BBF, based on available funds and applications received. Tier 2 applications are not guaranteed payment as they are second priority requests.

Tier 3

Families experiencing financial difficulties that complete the BBF application in full and reach the minimum approval score as determined by the BBF approval committee.

Successful Tier 3 applicants will receive payment to go towards team cash calls to a maximum determined annually by the BBF, based on available funds and applications received. Applications are taken throughout the season and are paid at the discretion of the BBF based on merit of submission and funds available for assistance.

How are funds paid?

Funds are paid directly to the team manager on behalf of the qualifying family with the understanding that if there is a refund at the end of the season, these funds are to be directed back to the BBF.

If I qualify for funding, do I still need to fundraise with my team?

If there is an opportunity within your team to fundraise for your cash call, you are expected to participate and do your best to raise your portion. Failure to comply with these guidelines will disqualify you for future funding.

Is my application confidential?

Your confidentiality is of the utmost importance to us. Please note that all applications are kept confidential and personal information is only shared within the BBF. All information shared outside of the BBF is in terms of numbers. Cheques are written from an LBCA account based on BBF requests, and only team names are provided for the completion of your funding. Information provided is only used for application purposes.

How is money raised for the Breaking Barriers Fund?

Money is raised at the annual Breaker Shaker event that takes place in the spring.

Frequently asked questions

1. What is the fund all about?

The purpose of the fund is to support Lake Bonavista Hockey Association families who are in need of financial assistance during the hockey season.

2. What are the funding criteria?

The Breaking Barriers Fund will assist financially disadvantaged families who are participating in the Bonavista Breakers hockey program. Families assisted by the fund, must be registered and playing on a Breakers team during the current funding hockey season.

3. What types of costs will the Breaking Barriers Fund cover?

The fund will help to cover team cash calls and team apparel purchases.

4. How much money can a family receive?

The maximum amount of funding may differ from year-to-year due to how much money is raised and demand.

5. Can more than one child in the same family receive funding?

Yes, funding can be requested for more than one child in a family, playing on a Breakers hockey in the same hockey season.

6. Are families able to request funding two seasons in a row?

Yes, families can request funding for successive hockey seasons.