

Mary and Keith Kaiser Western Region Ringette Scholarship Award



Foreword

Mary Kaiser began her Ringette career as the co-founder of the Dorchester Ringette Association, also acting as their first President. From there, her involvement skyrocketed. For 19 years, she was the director of the Western Region Ringette Association. Mary stayed active with Western region Ringette for over 35 years. She has been instrumental in the addition of new associations, new leagues and has improved overall membership growth within the Western Region Ringette Association, making it the largest region in Ontario. At the provincial sport level, she has served as a Board Member, sat on the Appeals and Complaint Committee and chaired the annual awards banquet. Upon retiring as Western Region Chair and as a Provincial Board Member Mary returned to the region as Elite Coordinator and then returned to the Provincial Level for 2 additional years as Chair of the Provincial Elite Committee. Mary was recognized as a Provincial Builder in 2006 and granted a place in the Ringette Ontario Hall of Fame.

Keith Kaiser contributed to the sport of Ringette through his leadership, organizational skills, and ability as the Ringette Ontario's webmaster. Keith began volunteering with Ringette in 1985 as a tournament co-chair for Dorchester Ringette's first tournament. From this beginning Keith went on to become G&T Coordinator for Western Region, G&T Chair for the Provincial Committee, VP Administration on the Ringette Ontario Board, Chair of the 2003 Canadian Ringette Championships and returned to the board for a two-year period as President of Ontario Ringette and a member on the Ringette Canada Board. Keith founded, in 1998, the Western Region Web Page and has been its sole webmaster for over 23 years. His personal favorite achievement was serving as Chair of the Western Regionals for 28 years. Keith was recognized as a Provincial Builder in 2007 and granted a place in the Ringette Ontario Hall of Fame.

Through their passion for the sport and dedication to volunteering in either formal governance roles or providing helping hands when needed, Mary and Keith's contributions have been instrumental in the development of many Western Region Ringette Association athletes. This scholarship award supports those who will continue their post-secondary academic pursuits who have demonstrated a similar passion for volunteering in Western Region Ringette.

The Western Region Ringette Association (WRRRA) allocated in the 2021 AGM \$6000 to fund the scholarship out of existing reserves. These funds will be transferred to LORL (Lower Ontario Ringette League) (\$5000) and an additional \$5000 has been dedicated to the fund by LORL to continue the scholarship for all members in the 2026/2027 season.

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Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage academic excellence and the pursuit of higher education among members of the Western Region Ringette Association. To provide annually a scholarship of \$1000.00 each (one thousand dollars) towards post-secondary education for B/C ringette players who have demonstrated a passion of volunteering commitment and participation in the sport of Ringette. This year, two scholarships will be awarded. The first is for a player entering their first year of post secondary and one for players entering their second year of post secondary education.

Eligibility

Application for a Scholarship Award may be made by:

- Registered Lower Ontario Ringette League players from traditionally Western Region associations at the B/C level in the 2024/2025 season entering their second year of post secondary and 2025/2026 season entering their first year of post secondary education.
- Applicants who will be enrolled full-time in a recognized post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year (September to April).
- Applicants must meet the admission standards of the educational institution specified, which must be a university, college, trade school or other accredited educational institution located in Canada providing courses at a post-secondary school level.
- Applicants must provide evidence of their acceptance for full-time enrollment at the institution for the upcoming academic year. Funds will not be released by Lower Ontario Ringette League until enrollment at the institution for the upcoming academic year has been confirmed.
- Applicants must have actively participated in Ringette for at least three of the last four years and must be registered in the upcoming playing season.

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Application Package:

The following documents are required to be submitted by the deadline:

1. A written submission, not exceeding 500 words, documenting the significance of participation in Ringette in the applicant's personal development and
2. Letters of character reference (bearing a current date) from two (2) individuals in the Western Region Ringette community, which also confirm portions of your volunteer commitment and
3. A copy of the letter of acceptance to the post-secondary educational institution or VOE form and
4. A detailed Ringette resume covering all aspects of the applicant's Ringette activity (as a player, coach, official, fundraiser, local association volunteer, etc.)
5. The application form is filled out below.

Application packages must be sent to the Past President of LORL via email to shelley@lorl.ca no later than August 30, 2026.

Selection Process:

Applications received by will be reviewed by a committee set up by LORL and all decisions made will be final.

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Application

Personal Information:

Applicant Name:	
Home Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Date of Birth:	
Current Team/Association:	

Please provide High School or other secondary education institution info you are currently attending:

School Name:	
Phone:	
Graduation Date:	

Which University / College or other post-Secondary institution do you plan to attend or are attending?

School Name:	
Program/Major Area of Study	
Expected Start date:	

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