



BURSARY PROGRAM PRESENTED BY DAIRY FARMERS OF ONTARIO RETURNS FOR SECOND SEASON

Five graduating high school students will each earn post-secondary education bursary of \$8,000



RICHMOND HILL, ON (April 6, 2021) – Players know first-hand the commitment needed to succeed at a high level on the ice and in the classroom. With this school year providing extra challenges, the hard work put forth by graduating students deserves to be recognized.

The OMHA is proud to partner with Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) to present the Bursary Program, which recognizes minor hockey players for their outstanding commitment to:

- **Community service:** assisting in building stronger and healthier communities
- **Athletics:** on-ice success/achievement, as well a passion for the game of hockey
- **Academics:** dedication to studies and attainment of high grades in the classroom

The OMHA Bursary Program is composed of two awards – the Dairy Farmers of Ontario Bursary and the Wally Scott Bursary. It reflects the achievements of young hockey players who are committed to their community, athletic ability, and academic achievement. Each recipient will receive financial support toward their post-secondary education.

Five DFO Bursaries will be awarded at \$8,000 each and up to two Wally Scott Bursary recipient(s) can receive between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

"Dairy Farmers of Ontario fully supports Ontario youth to achieve their goals, both on and off the ice," said Cheryl Smith, Chief Executive Officer at DFO. "MilkUP is DFO's youth lifestyle brand that inspires, celebrates, and motivates teens to find the strength and energy on their journey in realizing their untapped potential. The bursary program will recognize some of the outstanding Ontario youth athletes who demonstrate MilkUP's values: perseverance, originality, and heart."

"We are excited to partner with Dairy Farmers of Ontario for a second season to highlight the top student-athletes in the OMHA. 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," says OMHA Executive Director Ian Taylor. "We hope these bursaries help our players achieve their post-secondary education goals and that they can continue to give back within their communities."

All applicants must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Requests can only be made for active players aged up to 20 years and must have been a registered player in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association for a minimum of five years.
- A player attending a post-secondary institution during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Maintain a high standard of academic excellence.
- Active in their local community programs (any community sport or social program).
- Must be applying to a post-secondary institution in Ontario.

Candidates must complete the application form and submit it to the OMHA by May 9, 2021. Each application will be reviewed by a panel and only the winning recipients will be contacted by the OMHA. We wish the best of luck to all applicants.

ABOUT THE OMHA

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association, founded in 1935, is a leader in community sport and oversees a participant base of more than 300,000, consisting of players, coaches, trainers, officials, hockey volunteers and parents across the province. The OMHA works with its 225 local minor hockey associations and annually coordinates 28 leagues to create the best minor hockey experience in Canada. For more information, visit www.omha.net.

ABOUT DAIRY FARMERS OF ONTARIO

Dairy Farmers of Ontario is the marketing group for the largest sector of Ontario agriculture. It is proudly owned and operated by Ontario dairy farm families. For more information, visit www.milk.org.

For information and interview opportunities:

Teddy Katz
media@omha.net

Constantin Urtilescu
Senior Communications Specialist
Dairy Farmers of Ontario
media@milk.org