

Robbie Katzenbach Memorial Learn to Skate Scholarship
Grant Application
February-March 2025

What is the Robbie Katzenbach Learn to Skate Scholarship?

Robbie Katzenbach learned to skate and loved playing hockey. He started in a Learn to Skate program similar to the offering for the scholarship. He followed up this with joining a local recreational league, where he played for 6 years. Robbie had an amazing time, and he learned many great life lessons in addition to playing a sport that he loved. Robbie lost his life at the age of 22 in 2019, and he was an organ (GIFT OF LIFE) donor. Though Robbie tragically lost his life, 4 others were able to continue living theirs due to his Organ Donation. This scholarship fund is a way to honor and remember Robbie as well as spread the word about organ donations.

The Robbie Katzenbach Scholarship will be offered the first year (2025), to a Muskegon Voyagers Venturer Kids Member. The selected winner will receive a series of Learn to Skate or Learn to Play Hockey lessons, (5-6 lessons), which must be used prior to the 2025-2026 season. These lessons will be conducted at Lakeshore Sports Centre. Further, the selected winner(s) will be presented during the first intermission at the Muskegon Voyagers 2025/2026 opening game when Muskegon Voyagers Player Awards are announced. Robbie would love this.

Who can apply?

For the 2025 scholarship, the Applicants must be registered as a member with the Muskegon Voyagers Venturers Kids Club. Each applicant must complete the application form and provide response to three (3) qualifying questions, each response consisting of 250 words or less.

Scholarship Application/Award Timeline:

Applications will be accepted from February 15, 2025 Through March 8, 2025

The Scholarship winner(s) will be announced on the Muskegon Voyagers Facebook Page, Muskegon Voyagers Website and other social media pages. Scholarship recipients shall receive their scholarships in June, 2025 for use prior to December 31, 2025. Should a scholarship not be used by December 31, 2025, that Scholarship shall revert back to the Robbie Katzenbach Scholarship Fund. Formal presentation of the scholarship award winner(s) will be presented at the Muskegon Voyagers 2025/2026 season Opening Night game.

Selection Criteria:

Winners selected will be based on a cross-section of responses from the qualified candidates. Judges will consider the applicant's statement of need as well as individual presentation regarding the impact that Hockey has on each applicant. Further, special consideration will be given to any applicant that indicates personal experience with organ/tissue donation and/or transplant within their family or family members have been designated as GIFT OF LIFE DONORS and what impact/influence this designation has on the applicant.

Please complete the application by March 15, 2025

Please email applications Submission to Becky Katzenbach

katzenbachbe@gmail.com

Applicant Information:

Parent(s) Name (first, last): _____

Child's Name (first): _____

Child's School _____ grade _____

Number of years the applicant has been involved in Hockey: _____

Email address: _____

1. Describe how this award will help the applicant to achieve his/her skating/hockey goals and how being a part of the kids club has impacted the applicant's interest in skating/hockey.

2. Please describe any close familial experiences that the applicant has with organ/tissue donation, Gift of Life donor donation or donor designations within the applicant's family and how that affects the applicant's perception of Organ Donation.

3. Please provide any personal or financial circumstances that may warrant consideration.

Applicant's signature: _____
Date:

Parental Consent Signature: _____
Date: