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DONALD SANDERSON AWARD PROCESS

INTRODUCTION:

The Donald Sanderson Memorial Award for Academic Excellence and Character will be presented each year to a player in the Ontario Hockey Association that meets the criteria as set out by the Sanderson Family.

Donald Sanderson was known for his dedication, discipline, desire and deportment so the winners of the Donald Sanderson Memorial Award should demonstrate the same qualities and characteristics.

Donald incurred a serious head injury in an OHA game on December 12, 2008, and after a courageous battle died on January 2, 2009.

We are all saddened by the incredible loss of this fine young man, but we cannot begin to imagine the depth of loss for this family. It is a profound loss. Many times, in life I think we are identified by the various activities that we are involved in. Some of us are known as coaches, some managers, some officials, and some players, but one of the things that defines us is our character. During his 21 years, 5 months and 19 days, Donald lived a passionate life. He was a player, a teammate, a coach, a teacher, a student, a loyal and caring friend, and a young leader with a zest for life.

And it was through his passion for life that he taught all of us that knew him well to LIVE WELL, LOVE WELL AND LAUGH OFTEN.

He was known in the OHA as a young man who was willing to participate in everything, but he never asked for anything in return.

CRITERIA

Donald was known for the following personality traits:

- Dedication
- Discipline
- Desire
- Deportment

So, it is fitting that the winners of the Donald Sanderson Memorial Award should demonstrate the same qualities and characteristics.

REQUIREMENTS:

Nominees will be required to submit a resume outlining their involvement as it relates to on ice activities, leadership, community involvement, participation in team events and academic achievements.

Candidates must maintain a 75% average or higher and be attending a university or be enrolled in a university program for the following year to qualify.

The winner will be presented their award at the OHA's annual award presentation.

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Other considerations include:

On Ice Activities, Leadership, Community Involvement, Participation in Team Events and Academic Achievements.

AWARD

Today through this Award we honour his life and memory by dedicating this trophy and in turn recognizing individuals that display the same attributes and characteristics that Donald lived by.

This Award creates a living legacy of Donald's contribution to life and love for the game of hockey.

Please return completed application to:



Ontario Hockey Association

1600 Industrial Drive, Unit #A1
Cambridge, ON
N3H 4W5

Email: dleger@ohahockey.ca or cmccleary@ohahockey.ca

Application Due: May 1, 2023

Player's Name: _____ League: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Birth date: _____

Team Information

2021-2022 Season: _____

2022-2023 Season: _____

Academic Average:

Three personality traits

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