

## **Cover Letter to the Kansas Disc Sport Scholarship Foundation Application**

The Kansas Disc Sport Scholarship Foundation (KDSSF) offers financial assistance to players of disc sports to help offset the costs of attending post-secondary education endeavors. It is available only to those that graduated from a Kansas High School and plan to attend an institution of higher learning within the state. That institution can be a trade school, junior college or university. The money is paid to the institution for the benefit of the recipient. Even part time students may apply for assistance.

The main criterion for judging applicants is their involvement with their selected disc sport. This can be disc golf, ultimate, free style, guts or K-9. Financial need is a consideration but only in a minor way. The applicant's involvements with clubs, competitive play and volunteer work is valued more. With that said, it is important for the applicant to highlight these details through the application process.

Applications are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. A recipient of the scholarship can expect the funds to be paid during the summer for use during the following school year. Trade school applicants can have this schedule adjusted since their start times may vary from traditional college programs.

**Kansas Disc Sport Scholarship Foundation**  
**Student Scholarship Application for Year \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Need:** (circle one)

Family Income: below \$40,000    \$40,000-\$80,000    Above \$80,000

*(If you are still a dependent of your parents, use their amounts, otherwise it is based on your financial status to include a spouse if applicable)*

How much do you estimate your costs will be in tuition, books and institution provided housing to be? \_\_\_\_\_ I will be a part-time student. Yes / No

What percent of your first year school costs will other scholarships or grants cover that you expect to receive? \_\_\_\_\_

**Job History:**

Most recent: \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Next: \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Next: \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Activities:** (Sporting, Academic, Service, etc and position held if any)

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Out of School Activities:** (Scouting, 4H, Religious, etc and position or rank achieved)

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Position or rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Position or rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**Disc Sport History:** *(This section is the most important factor in determining the scholarship recipient. The more you can tell us, the better your chances.)*

Started Playing: Age \_\_\_\_\_ First Tournament: Age \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tournaments Played: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of club events participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper, address the following issues.

- List the disc sport(s) you have participated in.
- Memberships in local, regional or national organizations with member number and first year joined. Has your membership been continuous?
- Memorable accomplishments such as tournament wins, high placements or awards.

- Service to the sport: (brief explanation as to how you have helped your sport such as chalking ultimate lines or removing brush at a disc golf course or hosting an event or fund raiser)
- What does your chosen disc sport(s) mean to you?
- Is there a player that you look up to for inspiration? Why?

**Recommendations:** *Please submit or have sent to the foundation, three recommendations. Two should be from a teacher, a boss, or a clergy; just not from someone related to you. They should discuss your character, personality and work ethic. One recommendation must be from someone involved in your chosen disc sport (may be a relative) that highlights your involvement in the sport; both play and/or volunteer hours. Please provide these people an envelope that is pre-stamped and pre-addressed to the foundation. Additional disc related recommendations are encouraged but not required. Remember that the primary criterion for this award is your involvement in disc play so more letters that highlights this is better.*

**What is your planned field of study?**

**What School, College, University or Trade School are you planning to attend?**

*(If you are chosen as the recipient, a check will be made out to the school of your choice for your benefit to help offset tuition or books or school housing. The school must be in-state for this scholarship to be valid. This information is important for the funds to reach the Financial Aide office)*

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit a brief letter (less than a page) to the foundation stating any pertinent information that might convince the scholarship committee to select you as its recipient. This could be financial, medical, or other reasons.**

What was your High School GPA? \_\_\_\_\_ (On a 4.0 scale)

If already with college credits, what is your college GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

At the beginning of the next school year (Fall), how many credits will you have attained toward graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that all the answers I have given in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information will be kept confidential and will be available only to the scholarship committee members. If I am awarded a scholarship, I authorize the Kansas Disc Sport Scholarship Foundation to publish my name and picture as a scholarship recipient. I also understand that the scholarship becomes invalid if I don't attend an in-state institution during the year of the application. Please enclose a picture (senior picture would work fine) with your application. Even better is a picture of you enjoying your favorite disc sport.**

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or guardian's signature of permission if applicant is under the age of 18.**

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This scholarship is for students that will graduate from an accredited Kansas High School and plans to attend an in-state institution of higher learning; trade school, junior college or university. The primary criterion for this scholarship is involvement in a disc sport. Applications should be sent via snail mail to: Kansas Disc Sport Scholarship Foundation, Attn: Bill Paulson, 1330 S. Meridian, Valley Center, Kansas, 67147. For more info or help call or text Bill at 316-650-9759.

Applications are due by April 1, for the year applying.