

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 involvement with clubs, competitive play and volunteer work is valued more. With that said, it is important for the applicant to highlight these details throughout the application process.

Applications are due April 1st. 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: _____ HS Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____

Are you: Single Married Other
Age at time of application: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Father's Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Financial Need: (circle one)

Are you still considered a dependent of your parents? Yes / No
If yes, is family annual income: below \$40,000 \$40,000-80,000 above \$80,000
If no, what is your annual income: below \$20,000 \$20,000-40,000 above \$40,000

This should include spouse's income if married.

Will you be a: Full Time Student _____ - Part Time Student _____

How much will your costs will be in tuition and books? \$ _____

How much will your Housing cost? (On campus/off campus/home) \$ _____

Are the above for: Semester - Year

How much do you anticipate other scholarships or grants will cover? \$ _____

Is this for: Semester - Year

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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Activity: _____ Position Held: _____

Out of School Activities: (Scouting, 4H, Religious, etc and position or rank achieved)

Activity: _____ Position or rank: _____
Activity: _____ Position or rank: _____
Activity: _____ Position or rank: _____
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.)*

I participate in: Disc Golf ___ Ultimate ___ Guts ___ Freestyle ___ DDC ___ Field Events ___
Rank in order of commitment. (If all you play is disc golf, place a 1 next to it and leave the others blank.)

I am a member of: A local club: Yes - No Name of club: _____

I belong to the KDGA? Yes - No Member since _____

I belong to the PDGA, UPA, FPA, or other. Which one and member number _____

If you play disc golf competitively, what division do you normally play in: _____

I play for a college team. Yes - No Which one _____

Started Playing: Age ___ First Tournament: Age ___ Number of Tournaments Played: _____

Number of club events participated in: _____

Please include a letter that addresses your involvement in your chosen disc sport(s).

- Address 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. They should discuss your character, personality and work ethic. One recommendation must be from someone involved in your chosen disc sport 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, books, and 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 or two 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.

This scholarship is for students that will graduate from an accredited Kansas High School and plan 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 text Bill at 316-650-9759. Applications and the supporting documents can also be sent via email to bill.paulson.51@gmail.com. Subject line should say: KDSSF App for (your last name) Applications are due by April 1, for the year applying. Scholarships are paid before the 1st of August for the following school year.