



Scholarship Procedures

West is Best Scholarship Fund believes that no child should be prevented from participating in athletic or scouting activities because of financial need. West is Best Scholarship Fund supplements activity fees and uniform costs for students in grades K-12 who need financial assistance in order to participate in after-school activities. Students must live or go to school in the Shawnee Mission West attendance area to qualify.

General Information

- West is Best Scholarship Fund provides monetary support for students participating in athletic or scouting activities including but not limited to football, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, volleyball, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts.
- Boys and girls in grades K-12 who reside or attend a school located within the boundaries of Shawnee Mission West High School who cannot pay the full cost of registration fees for athletic or scouting activities may apply for limited financial assistance (scholarship).
- Assistance is based on availability of funds and financial need. Financial need is based on current free/reduced lunch guidelines as provided by the USDA.
- Scholarships may be provided with a percentage of the cost based on need but are not intended to provide the full fee. Families are expected to provide a portion of the fee. Scholarships are generally limited to no more than 75% of the activity cost.
- Scholarships are generally not granted for registration fees when the sponsoring organization offers financial assistance to its members. Additionally, scholarships are not generally provided for fees associated with premier/tournament teams or camps.
- Generally students are limited to three scholarships per year.
- Shawnee Mission West High School students may not receive scholarship monies for school-sponsored activities due to regulations of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA).
- Scholarships are not transferable, refundable, and have no cash value.

Requirements

- Applicants for scholarships MUST be currently enrolled as a student at a SM West attendance area school and/or live within the boundaries of the SM West attendance area.
- Applications for out of boundaries persons, incomplete applications, and applications without signatures will not be considered.
- The policies of the West is Best Scholarship Fund are the same for everyone without regard to race, sex, creed, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or physical limitation.

Procedures

- Applications for scholarships must be received at least 30 days prior to need.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the West is Best Scholarship Fund. All application information is strictly confidential.
- Applicants will be notified, in writing, of the status of their application at least 10 days prior to need.
- Fees will be paid directly to the organization. Reimbursements will not be made to recipients.

Questions regarding scholarships should be directed to Kelly Tines at info@westisbestscholarshipfund.com.

West is Best Scholarship Fund Scholarship Application

All information contained in this application is strictly confidential.

Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School Currently Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian Submitting Application: _____

Phone Number of Parent/Guardian: _____

Email Address of Parent/Guardian: _____

For what activity are you requesting a scholarship? _____

Name of sponsoring organization (league, unit, school, etc.) _____

Date registration due _____

Has the student received a West is Best scholarship in the past? ____ No ____ Yes, please list dates below:

Before applying to West is Best for a scholarship for registration fees, please apply to the league (GABL, YMCA, i9 Sports, etc.) first. If denied a scholarship by the league, then apply to West is Best and attach a copy of the denial.

Please mark the following items for which you are applying for a scholarship:

Please remember no more than 75% of costs will be paid by scholarship

____ Youth Basketball Shoes

____ Adult Basketball Shoes

____ Team Uniform Amount: _____ Make check payable to (vendor or coach): _____

____ Registration Fees Amount: _____ Attach denial letter from league, if applicable

****REQUIRED:** Briefly, describe the circumstances that require scholarship assistance for the student to participate.

Annual or Monthly Income: (include as income the pre-tax total of the following: any wages/salary, unemployment, public assistance, alimony/child support, disability, retirement payments, or any other cash payments from other sources.)

Annual income _____ OR Monthly income _____

Number of people living in the household: children aged 0-17 _____ adults aged 18+ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications for Scholarships must be submitted no less than 30 days prior to registration fee due date.

Applications may be submitted to:

**West is Best Scholarship Fund
13600 Santa Fe Trail Drive
Lenexa, KS 66215**

FOR COMMITTEE USE:

Date application received ___/___/___ Date application reviewed ___/___/___

Committee Action: ___ Approved in the amount of \$ ___ ___ Not Approved – Reason:

Executive Director Signature _____

Notification sent to family ___/___/___ by (circle) Letter Email

Scholarship paid to _____