

TYPE 1 CHAMPIONS



# Scholarship Program

## **INFORMATION PACKET: 2023**

FOR STUDENTS BATTLING TYPE 1 DIABETES

### *Our Mission*

*Providing opportunities that empower, educate, and create positive outcomes in the lives of kids of all ages, and their families, whose life long journey includes battling Type 1 diabetes.*



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*Keeping Dreams Alive!*

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## **WELCOME**

*We have been inspired many times over by the courage and strength of our kids and students who must battle Type 1, every day, forever. Our students with Type 1 are Champions as they must face, battle, manage and endure daily medical procedures and protocol. They find the acceptance needed, get through the hard, the good, and everyday moments bravely, with grace and wisdom. Their inner strength helps them rise above difficulties in all aspects of their lives. Kids With Courage is pleased to support the education of our amazing students who battle Type 1 diabetes.*

*We invite high school seniors or college students with Type 1 diabetes who meet the eligibility requirements listed below to apply for a Type 1 Champions Scholarship.*

*Character. Hard work. Perseverance. Love of learning.*

THESE ARE THE ATTRIBUTES THAT THE TYPE 1 CHAMPIONS SCHOLARSHIP REWARDS

## **ABOUT THE TYPE 1 CHAMPIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Type 1 Champions Scholarship Program helps students attend college.

Scholarships will recognize outstanding students. Ultimately, the awards will go to the students who:

- Have a strong desire for and are making a commitment to their education
- Honor the beliefs of our vision for the children and young people we serve--a culture of engaged students who just happen to have Type 1 diabetes who have chosen to have a fighting spirit and not let Type 1 get in their way. This is demonstrated through every day conduct and character, leading by example with contributions to family, school, activities, and community
- Character matters. Kindness. Goodness. Respect. Empathy. To all.
- Activities and grades will be considered as well as their engagement in a healthy self management of their Type 1 diabetes
- Candidates are not required to demonstrate financial need.

Scholarships can be used at any college or university in the United States.

# 2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

## The Barry Dan Harsh Memorial Scholarship: \$2,000



Barry Dan Harsh was a longtime friend to the Kids With Courage Foundation. Barry was not a man of riches but Barry found joy in making sure that Kids With Courage had funds so we could continue on with our important work until his passing in 2015. Since then, Barry's amazing mother Mattie Ellen Harsh carried on Barry's tradition and continues to support our work in many ways. Mary Ellen honors Barry's selflessness and life by gifting Educational Scholarships. Barry's caring nature showed as he took the time to learn about Kids With Courage, the work we do, and the children and families we serve. Barry took action to help us do that work. Through these scholarships, Barry's incredible spirit will live on as he continues to make a difference bringing encouragement, hope, strength and education into the heart and lives of our incredibly brave Type 1 students.

## The Blaschke Family Scholarship \$1,500



The Blaschke's are an amazing family where Type 1 lives, and have been champions of our work for a very long time. Alexa, the youngest of Chuck and Sheila was diagnosed with Type 1 before KWC was even around, many years ago. When Sheila and Chuck learned about KWC they got involved in fundraising, board service, and helping in any way that they could. Their two kids are all grown now, but they care about those battling Type 1 and take action to support them. The entire Blaschke family is involved--Chuck, Sheila, Chaz (brother of Alexa, and daughter, Alexa. (It's a Type 1 thing) They have provided Scholarships in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 in honor of Alexa, and have plans to keep it up. They are making an important impact in the lives of students, as well as all of us here at Kids With Courage!

## The Landry Hodges Scholarship \$2,000



Landry Hodges is a 2015 graduate of Leavenworth High School, Leavenworth, KS, and a 2020 graduate of the University of Mississippi. Landry was the first recipient of the generous Barry Dan Harsh Memorial Scholarship in 2016. The Hodges family decided to join in the giving spirit and help support a fellow Type 1 student who embodies the same fighting spirit as Landry has. Landry is not only a Type 1 warrior, he is a cancer survivor. Landry and his family are endeared to the KC area because they were stationed at Ft. Leavenworth for 7 years. In 2010, Landry was diagnosed with Type 1 at age 13, and was treated at Children's Mercy Hospital where he received a Crate, Full of Courage. The significance in that gesture immediately signaled to the Hodges family that they were not alone. KWC was a source of Information, encouragement, and empowerment.

The Hodges family considers it a great honor to offer a \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving student who shows a strong commitment to community, leadership, academics and athletics.

This is the third year of the Landry Hodges Scholarship.

## The Dylan Fansher Scholarship \$1,000



Dylan Fansher received the Landry Hodges Scholarship in 2021 and headed off to college at MU, Columbia but just couldn't wait to give back. Dylan, family, Dylan's Army Softball Team and help from the KC Metro USA Softball Association, raised and donated \$7,200 in May, 2021 and again in 2022, but elevating that gift to over \$13,000 for the KWC Brave Box Program. Their blessings weren't finished as they also gifted KWC with \$1,000 Scholarship in 2021, 2022 and again for 2023.

Dylan received a Brave Box when she was a little girl, but hasn't forgotten how it made her feel, and helped her start her medical journey with Type 1, bravely.

While all support is needed by our little organization to survive, we are inspired by support we receive comes from families who received a Brave Box. It validates our hard work, and assures that programming can continue.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To apply for a Type 1 Champions Scholarship students must meet the following requirements:

- Have Type 1 diabetes
- Be a graduating high school senior from a public or private school, a home schooled student or college student
- Be committed to using education to better your life and that of your family and/or community
- Academic Requirements: Good academic standing
- Financial Need Factor: Not a major influential factor
- Geographic Requirement: Reside in either the State of Missouri or the State of Kansas
- Major Field of Study: Open
- Citizenship: Be a US citizen or legal resident
- Be enrolled as a full time student
- Where award can be used: Any accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university in the United States
- Renewal Requirement: Annual application
- If selected for a Scholarship, student would need to make themselves available to attend small award ceremony in August, 2023 should gathering be possible

*If the above requirements are met, we invite students to apply for a Type 1 Champions Scholarship*

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The application for the 2023-2024 school year will be available January, 2023

Our current process is a paper application. In time, it is our goal to move our application online. We realize that a big percentage of our intended audience has internet access, but not everyone. Rather than delay monetary awards while we took the time needed to develop what we need administratively, figuring out data storage, securing information or worrying about hackers, helping the students sooner was determined to be the better option.

Only one application is required (annually) to be considered for any of the scholarships we award.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for Type 1 Champions scholarships, please take the following steps:

1. Review requirements to verify your eligibility
2. Print and complete the application, checklist, certification, photo consent/release form (s)
3. Include/attach all supporting docs and your essays
4. Submit **two (2) copies** of your application and ALL documents
5. Submit current photo to be used in internal/external communications promoting Type 1 Champions Scholarship Program
6. Review checklist to make sure you've included everything
7. Mail application, all forms and supporting documents to:  
The Kids With Courage Foundation  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 7034  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

## DEADLINE

The deadline for applications to be submitted is midnight, April 15, 2023

## QUESTIONS?

You can contact us via email with questions: [courage@kidswithcourage.org](mailto:courage@kidswithcourage.org)

## **METHOD OF SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

1. Candidates application and supporting documents will be reviewed and evaluated by a Scholarship Committee
2. Scholarships will ultimately go to the students who honor the beliefs of our vision for the children and young people we serve--*a culture of engaged students who just happen to have Type 1 diabetes who have chosen to have a fighting spirit, and not let Type 1 get in their way.*
3. Students will be evaluated in the following areas:
  - Character matters. Kindness. Goodness. Respect.
  - Hard work. Perseverance.
  - Love of learning. Strong desire for and are making a commitment to their education
  - Grades
  - Activities
  - Engagement in a healthy self management of their Type 1 diabetes
  - The answers to your essay questions matter, and are of great importance

## **ABOUT KIDS WITH COURAGE**

Kids With Courage, is a 501 (c) (3) public charity, dedicated to providing opportunities that empower, educate and create positive outcomes in the lives of children, young people and families whose life long journey includes battling Type 1 diabetes.

## **WHY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The need for scholarships for students battling Type 1 diabetes is huge. A lifetime of expensive daily medications and quality healthcare doesn't afford families many dollars to go into college savings accounts.

## **DONORS**

Our work at the Kids With Courage Foundation continues because of the amazing spirits of our kids and young people battling Type 1 diabetes. Our doors stay open because of the big hearts of our donors. Without donations from caring individuals, businesses and corporations all of our good work would stop. We are proud to have amazing donors join us and walk this chosen path of shared optimism, inner strength and empowerment--it is at the very heart and foundation of Kids With Courage and this Type 1 journey. For more information about Scholarships, other programs, or how to support the Foundation, please visit [www.kidswithcourage.org](http://www.kidswithcourage.org), call 816.547.8376 or email us at [courage@kidswithcourage.org](mailto:courage@kidswithcourage.org)

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Who can apply for Type 1 Champions Scholarships?**

To apply for a Type 1 Champions Scholarship students must meet eligibility requirements as outlined i

### **What is the deadline for applications?**

Applications, supporting documents and signed forms must be received in our office no later than April 15, 2023, midnight.

### **How do I apply?**

If you meet all of our eligibility requirements you can print, complete, and submit your application by mail.

### **Where do I mail my application?**

Kids With Courage, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 7034, Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### **When are the winners announced?**

Announcement will be made early June, 2023. All who apply will receive notification of who the winner (s) are.

### **How will I be notified?**

E-mail or telephone. If your contact information changes, let us know.