

# KIDS WITH COURAGE TYPE 1 CHAMPIONS 2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL PACKET





# **WELCOME**



We are continually inspired by the courage and strength of our students battling Type 1 diabetes every day. These young champions face challenging medical procedures with resilience, moving through the tough moments with grace and wisdom. Their inner strength empowers them to rise above adversity in all areas of life. Kids With Courage is proud to support the education of these remarkable individuals.

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

#### **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 with Type 1 diabetes is immense. The high cost of lifelong medications and medical care often leaves little for education savings. Scholarships ease this burden, empowering students to pursue their dreams despite the challenges they face.

## **OUR DONORS**

The Kids With Courage Foundation thrives because of the incredible spirits of those battling Type 1 diabetes and thanks to the generosity of our donors. Without support from individuals, businesses, and corporations, our vital work would not be possible. We are honored to walk this journey of shared optimism, strength, and empowerment with our donors.

Learn more about scholarships, programs, or ways to support at www.kidswithcourage.org, call 816.547.8376, or email courage@kidswithcourage.org.

# **ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIPS**



Landry Hodges, a 2015 Leavenworth High School, Leavenworth KS, graduate and 2020 University of Mississippi alum, was the first recipient of the Barry Dan Harsh Memorial Scholarship in 2016. Landry was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at 13 and treated at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kanas City, MO, where he received a Brave Box. A Type 1 warrior and cancer survivor, Landry's family, stationed in Ft. Leavenworth for 7 years, cherishes their connection to the KC area. Inspired by their journey, they proudly offer the \$3,000 Landry Hodges Scholarship, now in its 5th year, to a student excelling in community, leadership, academics, and athletics.

The Blaschke family members have been longtime champions of Kids With Courage, supporting our mission with dedication and heart. Alexa, the youngest of Chuck and Sheila, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes years before KWC was established. Once they discovered KWC, the Blaschkes became deeply involved, contributing through fundraising, board service, and hands-on support.

Chuck, Sheila, Chaz, and Alexa remain committed to helping those battling Type 1. Since 2020, they've provided annual scholarships in Alexa's honor. Their generosity inspires us all and makes a lasting difference in the lives of students and our entire community.





**Dylan Fansher**, the 2021 recipient of the Landry Hodges Scholarship, began giving back as soon as she started college at University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. With support from her family, Dylan's Army Softball Team, and the KC Metro USA Softball Association, she has raised and donated thousands of dollars through an annual softball event since 2021 to support the KWC Brave Box Program.

In addition to these contributions, Dylan and her family, Susy, Danny, Celeste, and Ally, have provided scholarships every year since 2021 and are dedicated to delivering Brave Boxes, initiating fundraising events, joining event committees, and sitting on the Kids With Courage Board. Having received a Brave Box as a young girl, Dylan knows firsthand the impact it can have on a Type 1 journey.

Mr. Dan Lickel of Lickel Architecture, Shawnee, KS along with his amazing family and staff are champions of our work, supporting us with the proceeds of their Lickel Golf Classic the past several years. Knowing that Mr. Lickel's greatest strength is "Getting Back Up Again", and how that strength is parallel to the daily struggles of our kids, the scholarship name seems incredibly fitting. Scholarship preference will be given to a student who is attending Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS



# **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Have Type 1 diabetes
- Be a graduating high school senior or college student
- Be committed to using education to better your life and that of your family/community
- Good academic standing
- · Reside in either the state of Missouri or Kansas
- Be a US citizen or legal resident
- · Be enrolled as a full time student

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Awards will be given to students who:

- Honor the beliefs of our vision for those we serve engaged students who just happen to have Type 1
  diabetes and have chosen to have a fighting spirit,
  and not let Type 1 get in their way.
- · Are committed to their education
- Demonstrate involvement in activities
- Show commitment to effectively managing their Type 1 diabetes
- Exemplify kindness, respect, hard work, and perseverance

### **HOW TO APPLY**

- 1. Review requirements and verify eligibility
- 2. Visit *kidswithcourage.org* Programs page to download all information
- 3. Print and complete the application, checklist certification, and photo consent/release form
- 4. Include/attach all supporting documents and essays and mail to the address below

