

# ***The Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund Graduating Senior From Archdiocese of Chicago High School 2018 College Fund Application***

## **Introduction**

In 1997 the Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund was established to keep Kevin's name alive by establishing a scholarship to help students with a learning disability.

Kevin Dowling was a seventeen-year old football player with a learning disability, who in 1995 passed out during that summer's extreme heat and had to have a liver transplant. Despite the efforts of his doctors, he passed away shortly thereafter.

The scholarship will be awarded to students who exemplifies the dedication and determination that Kevin Dowling put forth in his family, education, and community and in his life.

## **Instructions**

1. Complete the applicant's section of this form. You should also include three (3) letters of recommendation – other than family members. Try to get at least one from a staff member from your school (e.g. teachers, community and religious leaders, coach).
2. Submit a 250-word essay on the subject of “YOU”.
3. Please provide an official copy of your high school transcript.
4. Please verification of your learning disability.
5. **Please make sure your complete application, with all support documentation (essay, transcripts, letters of recommendation) is mailed together in one envelope POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31 to:**

The Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund  
PO Box 702  
Oak Lawn, IL 60454

**Any information given to us will be strictly confidential.**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HANDS OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL.**

## **Requirements**

1. Graduating senior, attending an Archdiocese of Chicago, Catholic High School, with a documented learning disability\*, and maintaining a minimum “C” average (GPA 2.0).
2. Must be accepted to an accredited university or college.

\* A learning disability is defined as: The term “learning disability” means a disorder in one or more of

the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which disorder may manifest itself an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell or do mathematical calculations. These disorders include such conditions as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia and developmental aphasia. The term does not include children who have learning problems, which are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of mental retardation, of emotional disturbances, or of environmental, cultural or economic disadvantage.

**The recipient of this scholarship will receive a one-time lump sum payment that will be paid directly to the college or university that the student will be attending in the Fall of the same year (the grant was applied for) to go toward the first year's tuition only. (The scholarship award will be no less than \$3,500.00.)**

### **When Will The Selection Be Made?**

The Scholarship Committee will thoroughly examine all the application materials submitted by each scholarship applicant. In addition to the Official Application Form, the applicant's essay, and the high school transcript, the selection committee will carefully consider any recommendations or other evidence (e.g. school or other activities) of the applicant's character or abilities.

We respectfully request a postmarked reply by March 31. If your reply is not postmarked or submitted by this date, the application will be incomplete and you will not be eligible for the scholarship. A photocopy of the complete application shall be considered as effective and valid as the original. Please forward this application directly to:

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Oak Lawn, IL 60454**

Basing its decision on the **ENTIRE RECORD** of each applicant, the Selection Committee will then choose the scholarship recipient and announce the winner by **MAY 1** (of the same year the application was received: e.g. applications received by March 31, 2018 announcement May 1, 2018). Every applicant will be notified in writing of the outcome of the selection process.

Thank you for your cooperation and Good Luck!

James McKeever  
President  
Kevin Dowling Scholarship Committee

Brian P. Kennedy  
Chairman  
Kevin Dowling Scholarship Committee

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:**  
(Type or Print)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In What activities did you participate in school?

List the offices held or honors received in these activities.

List any community or church activities you participate in.

Indicate which accredited Universities or Colleges you have been accepted to or applied to for acceptance.

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Applicant's Signature Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date