

The Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund 2018 High School 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 and or other circumstances that have affected the educational process.

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.

Grammar School is a stepping-stone to the future where we all develop from free-spirited, curiosity seeking children to young adults looking onto the Horizon of Life. Graduating from 8th grade is the result of these young years. However, reaching this point may have been more difficult for some of us than others.

During your years at St. John Fisher you may have had to deal with a learning disability and/or any other unforeseen circumstances, which may have affected your educational learning process. Kevin Dowling had to overcome a learning disability to succeed in school, his hard work paid off.

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 200-word essay on the subject of “YOU”. How you have dealt with the circumstances that have affected your educational process, and where you see yourself in the future.
3. Please provide an official copy of your grammar transcript.
4. Please verification of your learning disability (if it applies).
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 GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Requirements

1. Graduating Eighth grader, attending St. John Fisher Grammar School, with a documented learning disability*, and/or unforeseen circumstances affecting your educational process at any time during your years at St. John Fisher, and maintaining a minimum "C" average (GPA 2.0).
2. Must be accepted to an Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic School.

* 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 recipient of this scholarship will receive a one-time lump sum payment that will be paid directly to the high school 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 \$3,000.00.)

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 grammar 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:

**The Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund
PO Box 702
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 Archdiocese of Chicago, Catholic High School you have been accepted to.

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date