



## 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](mailto: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? \_\_\_\_\_

What unit is your child in (troop/pack, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_ Date registration due \_\_\_\_\_

For this activity in this current calendar year, has the student received financial assistance from any other organization, including the League/Scout Unit? \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes, please explain below:

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

### Scholarship Request for Registration/Dues:

Cost of Activity \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Provided by Family: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarship Request for Uniform:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please mark here if you are applying for a scholarship for a Scout uniform. If you qualify, you will be sent a gift card for up to 75% of the cost of a uniform shirt and required patches.

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

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

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_