

**Braxton Kooser Memorial Scholarship
Application Form
Derby Community Foundation-Derby High School**

Application Deadline-February 24

Applicants must complete the application form in ink. Please include this form along with your most recent high school transcript and your essay entitled, 'The biggest challenge I've had to overcome in my life'. Turn in all your forms to the Derby High School Counselor's Office.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Course of Study _____

School you will be attending next year _____

List your extra-curricular activities and athletic team you've been involved in throughout High School. (Please list the year(s) you participated in each group.)

Describe a person who has had a positive influence in your life and why?

Write an essay entitled, 'The biggest challenge I've had to overcome in my life'.

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Honoring Braxton Kooser

This Memorial Scholarship has been established to honor an outstanding young man, Braxton Wells Kooser. Braxton was a Derby Panther, only in his second semester of his freshman year, when he was tragically killed in a car accident at the age of 14. Along with being a Derby Panther (football player), Braxton was a beloved son, adored brother, faithful Christian, Derby Tiger (baseball), trusted friend and a Kansas State Wildcat through and through. Braxton's loyalty to his family, his friends, his faith, his school and his teammates were unmatched. We want to honor this young man by choosing a recipient that displays some of the same character traits and attributes that Braxton displayed; faith, integrity, dedication, teamwork, commitment and perseverance.

Student Eligibility

The Braxton Kooser Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a Derby High School graduating senior who plans to attend Kansas State University. The student must also have a high school grade point average of 3.0 (or higher) and must have participated in Derby High School athletics.

Scholarship Application & Process

Applicants will need to complete the application form. In addition to the application, the students will be asked to submit an essay entitled, 'The biggest challenge I've had to overcome in my life' and a certified copy of the most recent high school transcript. The applications and essays will be reviewed by the selection committee. The selection committee will consist of the family of Braxton Kooser and at least one non-family member of the family's choosing.

Scholarship Awarded

The Braxton Kooser Memorial Scholarship will be announced during the annual awards program at Derby High School in the spring of the year. If there are no qualified applicants for a given year, two scholarships may be given the following year or the committee can decide to increase the scholarship given to the recipient that year. The Derby Community Foundation will administer the fund, awarding the scholarship check(s) each year. The scholarship amount of \$350 will be awarded to the recipient at the awards banquet. The check will be made payable to Kansas State University.