

# Derby Wrestling Club Tom and Iris Faust Scholarship Application Form

**Application Deadline**  
**March 31**

**Application Process**  
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**Scholarship Amount**  
**\$500**

## **ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

### **About Tom and Iris Faust and the Derby Wrestling Club**

The vision of starting a wrestling club in Derby, Kansas, was fulfilled in 1967 when Tom and Iris Faust laid down six pieces of carpet in their garage on South Kokomo Street and began practicing with three team members, one of whom was their son, Lew. After two years of practicing in the garage, the Derby Wrestling Club (DWC) program moved to Derby High School because Tom arranged to use the school facilities. To this day, the partnership with Derby High School remains in place and is a vital part of the DWC's long-standing success. After 17 years of running the DWC, the Fausts decided it was time to hand over the reins of the program. Even after this occurred, Tom and Iris actively followed the DWC and DHS programs.

Over the years the DWC has grown into a consistent team of over 100 members per year and has continually maintained the status of a top 100 wrestling club in the nation. The DWC provides character-building opportunities and wrestling instruction to thousands of young athletes and continues to do so as one of the most talented and respected wrestling clubs in Kansas. In 2017, the Derby Wrestling Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Only a handful of wrestling clubs in the state have reached that milestone. This reflects Tom and Iris's vision to provide an outstanding and successful wrestling program in the Derby community.

Several years after Tom's passing, Iris decided that she wanted to help keep the DWC moving in the right direction. Through discussion between Iris, the DWC, and the Faust family, this \$500 annual scholarship was established to ensure the legacy of the DWC and Faust family. This scholarship will be awarded to a Derby High School student wishing to further his/her education, who has participated in wrestling, and who exhibits the positive qualities and character that wrestling provides.

### **About the Derby Community Foundation**

The mission of the Derby Community Foundation is to enrich the quality of life in the Derby area by being a catalyst for connecting people and resources with community needs and initiatives.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Participated in the sport of wrestling
- Graduating from USD 260
- High School GPA of 2.8 or an ACT score of 21

## **ITEMS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION**

- PDF of most recent high school transcript, titled “[Your Name] Transcript”

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- March 31: Application deadline.
- April: Recipient will be notified via email by the end of April.
- Mid-May: Derby Community Foundation Scholarship Reception to honor the recipient.
- June 15: Recipient must sign a scholarship agreement and provide college information. Check your email! CommunityGiving will verify that you are enrolled as a full-time student at the college. (Full-time enrollment is typically 12-16 credit hours)
- June: Inform your college that you have received the scholarship.
- September 1: Full payment will arrive at your college unless otherwise notified.

## **Questions**

Contact the Derby Community Foundation  
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