

Eligibility Criteria:

Must be a high school senior who is both adopted and actively participating in wrestling.

Must be competing at the 2025 Brian Keck Memorial Preseason Nationals & Boys National Recruiting Showcase

Must exemplify the qualities of determination, sportsmanship, and a commitment to making a positive impact.

Must have a proven academic record of excellence.

Must be accepted to or planning to apply to an accredited college, university, or vocational institution.

You must submit an essay detailing how your adoption journey and wrestling experiences reflect the qualities that Brian Keck represented.

Scholarship Details:

Scholarship Amount: \$5000

Application Deadline: October 15th

Announcement of Recipient: October 26th, at the tournament

Application Requirements: Completed application form, official transcripts, and an essay.

How to Apply: To apply for the Brian Keck Memorial Scholarship, please visit our website at usawrestlingevents.com to access the online application form. Ensure you gather all required materials before beginning the application process. We encourage you to use the essay as an opportunity to showcase how your adoption journey and dedication to wrestling align with Brian's legacy of resilience, determination, and positive impact.

At USA Wrestling, we believe that stories like Brian's deserve recognition and support. This scholarship embodies our commitment to honoring those who have left a lasting impression on their communities.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Margolis at mmargolis@usawrestling.org.

We eagerly anticipate receiving your applications and continuing the legacy of individuals who, like Brian Keck, have made a significant impact on both the wrestling community and the lives of those around them.

Brian Keck Memorial Scholarship Rubric

Applicant Name:

| Base Requirements: | Yes | No |
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| High school senior | | |
| Adopted | | |
| Actively Participating | | |

| Criteria | 4-5 points | 3 points | 1-2 points |
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| Academic Record | Honors and AP courses; 3.5 GPA | Fewer or no honors courses; 3.0 GPA | Below 3.0 GPA |
| Demonstrated qualities of determination, sportsmanship, commitment to making a positive impact | Specific examples in 2 of these three areas | Specific examples in 1 of these three areas | No specific examples given |
| Description of adoption journey included | Detailed narrative of the adoption journey and how it impacted the wrestler | Narrative of the adoption journey included but impact not mentioned | No narrative of the adoption journey included |
| Understanding of the qualities of Brian Keck included | Specific discussion of Brian Keck's qualities included + comparison to the applicant | Understanding of Brian Keck's qualities included | No mention of or understanding of Brian Keck's qualities |
| Generic Wrestling Questions: what does it mean to you / favorite memory | Questions addressed in a thoughtful manner | Questions addressed in a less thoughtful manner | Questions not addressed |
| Other considerations | Extra weight given due to adversity overcome or specific accomplishment in sportsmanship or making a positive impact | | Nothing in application indicates additional consideration should be given |