

The Koa Sports/Joe Horton Scholarship Fund

General Information

Koa Sports League has a scholarship program to promote the benefits of playing competitive youth baseball to families and players who are in need of financial assistance. Programs include travel baseball league play, baseball clinics and clinic sponsorships, baseball camps, baseball tournaments and other baseball related activities deemed appropriate by the scholarship committee. Full and partial scholarships are made available for those that qualify based on the criteria below. Levels of assistance will vary from year to year and are based on funds available through Koa and continued contributions. Awards are at the full discretion of the Koa Scholarship Committee, which reserves the right to fund any Applicant based on financial and/or socio-economic hardship, and/or other circumstances deemed relevant or applicable and presented to the Committee.

Application Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Completed Application Form, (See below for complete instructions)
2. Have tried out for, and are offered a roster spot on any of the above mentioned programs, 9U through collegiate play.
3. Maryland, Virginia, and/or DC resident who meet Federal Housing and Urban Development low income guidelines for the MD-VA-DC area. (*Applicant will be required to show proof of income*)

2014 HUD Income Limits for the MD-VA-DC Area:

Family Size	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Low Income	\$47,950	\$54,800	\$61,650	\$68,500	\$74,000	\$79,500	\$84,950	\$90,450

The above table is subject to change and is available for viewing at <http://www.huduser.org>; Search "Income Limits"

4. Scholarship funds shall be distributed to cover direct program costs, including, but not limited to, uniforms, fields, league fees, etc. On no occasion will cash be distributed to any applicant or their parents and/or guardians. Ancillary costs will still be required to be covered by the applicant, including transportation, meals, snacks, etc.

Application Instructions

- Completed Application Form, (including all items listed below):
 - Parents Income Tax Return, 1040 or 1040A, no schedules; black out social security numbers
 - Current photo via electronic format for web site inclusion and press releases
 - Letter from current school with attendance record and note of good standing. *This should be on official school stationary and signed by a school official, (principal, counselor, teacher)*
- Two letters of recommendation stating why the applicant should be selected for this scholarship. One letter should be from a current or former coach, or mentor. And, one letter of recommendation should be from either a teacher or guidance counselor. No recommendations will be accepted from relatives or current Koa Board Members. Letters of recommendation should be included with the completed application form.
- A written personal statement from the applicant. *Note: these questions can be answered with the parents input for applicants under the age of 12.* Ideas for the content should include the following: What would receiving the scholarship mean to you? How has baseball impacted your life? What is the greatest lesson you have learned as a result of your participation in baseball, other than the obvious values of teamwork and leadership? Why should we select you to receive this scholarship? How do you balance school, baseball, family and any other activities in your life? See the Personal Experiences Section below...
- A written statement from the parent or guardian outlining the financial need and family circumstances

