

Derby Wrestling Club Tom and Iris Faust Scholarship Application Form

Derby Community Foundation-Derby High School Application Deadline-March 29

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 was able to make an arrangement 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 program the Faust's decided it was time to hand over the reins of the program. Even after Tom and Iris retired from DWC they were both active in following both 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 has provided character building and wrestling instruction to thousands of young athletes and continues to do so as one of the most talented and respected wrestling clubs in the state of Kansas. In 2017, the Derby Wrestling Club celebrated its 50th year of operation. There are only a handful of wrestling clubs in the state that have reached that milestone which is a reflection of 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 Derby Wrestling Club, and the Faust family, a \$500 annual scholarship, named the Derby Wrestling Club Tom and Iris Faust Scholarship, was established in order to ensure the DWC and Faust family legacies. 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.

Scholarship Award

The Derby Wrestling Club Tom and Iris Scholarship will be announced during the annual Derby Community Foundation Scholarship Reception in the spring. If there are no qualified applicants for a given year, two scholarships may be given the following year or the selection committee can decide to increase the scholarship given to the recipient that year. The scholarship amount to be awarded will be \$500.

Selection Committee and Process

The Derby Wrestling Club Tom and Iris Faust Scholarship Committee is comprised of a representative of the Derby Wrestling Club, a member at large, and a member of the Faust family. If a member of the Scholarship Committee has a conflict of interest (for example, an immediate family member is an applicant), the committee member will recuse himself/herself from the selection process and an alternate committee member will be appointed at the discretion of the Derby Wrestling Club.

Student Eligibility

The Derby Wrestling Club Tom and Iris Faust Scholarship will be awarded to a Derby High School graduating senior who has participated in the sport of wrestling. The scholarship will be applied to expenses of his/her first year of education after high school at an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Selection of recipients will be made without regard to race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin. The student must have a high school grade point average of 2.8 or an ACT score of 21. Students who receive full scholarships to college are not eligible for this scholarship.

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Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email address _____

Course of Study _____

School you will be attending year _____

Number of years as member of Derby Wrestling Club. _____

Number of years as member of Derby High School Wrestling Team. _____

In the space below, please answer the following questions. How has participating in the sport of wrestling impacted your life? What lessons have you learned by participating in the sport of wrestling?

Application Requirements

The application form must be typed and submitted in one envelope with a certified copy of the most recent high school transcript.

Send to:

**Derby Wrestling Club
PO Box 307
Derby, KS 67037**

Questions? Email the Derby Wrestling Club at derbywrestling@gmail.com