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## Derek Jeter Scholarship 2011

### **Scholarship Information**

In an eighth grade paper, Derek Jeter predicted his future as a shortstop for the New York Yankees. Although many young people dream of being sports stars, there were few that doubted it would be a dream come true for Jeter. He worked to make his dream of becoming a professional athlete a reality by playing Little League, on a summer allstar team, and his high school baseball team at Kalamazoo Central High School.

As a professional athlete, Jeter's concern for youth led to the establishment of the Turn 2 Foundation, which provides support to organizations that sponsor youth-related programs. In addition, in 1997, Turn 2 established at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation the Derek Jeter Scholarship, which provides scholarship support for graduating high school seniors who demonstrate leadership in their community while promoting abstinence from drugs and alcohol.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Graduating high school senior who is a Kalamazoo County resident or attends a Kalamazoo County high school; planning to enroll full time in an accredited college or university to earn a two- or four-year degree. The applicant must be able to demonstrate leadership, including fitness and sportsmanship, in the school and community while advocating a substance-free lifestyle. Minority applicants are encouraged to apply.

### **How to Apply**

Access the online scholarship application, eGrant, via the Community Foundation's Web site at [www.kalfound.org](http://www.kalfound.org). Click on **Scholarship Information**, then **eGrant**.

### **Application Requirements**

**The following must be submitted to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation:**

- eGRANT scholarship application and cover page (automatically generated by eGRANT upon completion of the application).
- Activities and Employment History form must be filled out and attached to the eGRANT application.
- Essay, not to exceed 500 typewritten words, attached to the eGRANT application. Address why you merit consideration for this scholarship. Include how extracurricular activities, volunteer experiences and leadership roles have helped to prepare you for your choice of study. If you have overcome challenges or improved in motivation and achievement during high school and/or college, please provide this information also. In addition, describe the ways in which you have promoted a healthy lifestyle, including a drug and substance-free educational environment, during your high school years.

**The following must be mailed or delivered to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation by March 31:**

- Two copies of the Scholarship Recommendation form and Letters of Recommendation completed by adults other than family members. At least one recommendation must attest to the applicant's promotion of abstinence from drugs and alcohol.
- An official cumulative transcript through the seventh semester, including ACT/SAT scores.

### **Award**

Two \$1,000 awards (*Renewable for up to three years*)

### **Deadline**

March 31

If you have any questions, please call or write at:

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