

# KODA Volleyball Club

## Wildcat Scholarship Awards Program

KODA Volleyball Club LLC is proud to offer the Wildcat Scholarship Awards Program, designed to support athletes who demonstrate commitment, character, and financial need while participating in our upcoming KODA Volleyball Travel Season. Scholarships are made possible through KODA-sponsored funds, community supporters, and local partners.

Below is the full list of scholarships available for the 2025–2026 travel season.

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### Founder's Scholarship (1) – \$300

Awarded to a returning KODA athlete who consistently demonstrates respect, leadership, and commitment to their teammates and younger athletes.

This scholarship honors Wil and Dean Curtis, the original founders of KODA Volleyball Club in the late 1980s. When boys volleyball wasn't offered locally, Wil and Dean created opportunities themselves — and KODA was born. Their legacy continues to shape the club today.

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### Julie Bigger Scholarship (1) – \$300

Awarded to a returning KODA athlete who demonstrates passion, grit, and relentless drive — the same qualities displayed by Julie Bigger, who revived KODA in 2016 after years of dormancy.

Julie's vision and courage reignited the club and expanded opportunities for countless athletes. This scholarship honors athletes who show that same fire and determination.

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### KODA Alumni Scholarship (1) – Up to \$300

A need-based scholarship awarded to a new or returning athlete who demonstrates financial need and a desire to grow within KODA Volleyball.

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### KODA CARES Scholarships (3) – Up to \$300 each

Awarded to athletes with clear financial need who demonstrate enthusiasm, commitment, and a positive presence within the KODA community.

## NYCM Insurance Scholarships (5) – Up to \$100 each

Thanks to the generosity and community focus of NYCM Insurance, five scholarships will be awarded during the 2026 season.

NYCM is a locally rooted insurance company known for supporting youth, families, and community programs across Central New York. Many KODA coaches proudly work for NYCM, and we are grateful for their partnership.

- 4 scholarships awarded to female athletes in financial need
  - 1 scholarship awarded to a male athlete in financial need
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## District-Based Scholarships (3 each unless noted)

These scholarships recognize athletes who live in or attend school within districts that have partnered with KODA Volleyball by offering their facilities, resources, or community support.

- CVA Scholarship (3) – Up to \$100 each
- Cougar Scholarship (3) – Stockbridge Valley – Up to \$100 each
- Blue Pride Scholarship (3) – Homer – Up to \$100 each
- MPH Scholarship (3) – Manlius Pebble Hill – Up to \$100 each
- Oxford Scholarship (3) – Up to \$100 each
- Chittenango Scholarship (3) – Up to \$100 each

## “Bring the Heat” Scholarship – Stockbridge Valley (5)

- Up to \$200 each
- Awarded to athletes from Stockbridge Valley in recognition of SVCS hosting KODA tournaments, training, and events since 2022.
- Applied directly to tournament fees.

## Program Guidelines & Priorities

Applicants should:

- Demonstrate commitment to KODA Volleyball and to the sport.
- Attend (or be affiliated with) a school district that provides facilities for KODA events (preferred).
- Demonstrate financial need (priority for need-based awards).
- Participate in KODA-sponsored fundraisers. Failure to participate may affect eligibility for future scholarships.
- Submit all required materials by the deadline: December 1 at 11:59 PM.
- Understand that funds are applied directly to athlete tuition and will appear on the season invoice.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of KODA administrative staff, and scholarships will be awarded in December.

This overview and the application form is available at [www.kodavolleyballclub.com](http://www.kodavolleyballclub.com)  
Direct Link to Application Form [HERE](#) (google form)