

# DC BATTER UP! COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



DC Batter Up! is a non-profit corporation that seeks to promote youth baseball and softball in the District of Columbia.\* In 2026, DC Batter Up! intends to award college scholarships of \$2000 each to several eligible high school seniors. These scholarships are designated as the “Koczela Scholarships,” in honor of Jack Koczela, a founder of our organization. The money shall be applied to books or other supplies and expenses necessary for college study. To be eligible for a 2026 Koczela Scholarship, a student must:

1. be a high school senior who will enroll as a first-year student at an accredited two-year or four-year college in fall 2026;
2. be a member of a Varsity baseball or softball team during the spring 2026 season at a high school located in the District of Columbia;
3. be a resident of the District of Columbia who requires financial aid in order to attend college or university;
4. submit all application materials required by DC Batter Up! by May 18, 2026.

However, relatives of members of the Board of Directors of DC Batter Up! are ineligible even if they fulfill the requirements listed above.

The scholarship recipients shall be selected by the Board of Directors of DC Batter Up! based on an evaluation of academic and other accomplishments as well as financial need. DC Batter Up! shall provide to each recipient formal written notification of his or her scholarship. DC Batter Up! reserves the right to withdraw any scholarship that it concludes will not be used, or is not being used, in accordance with the goals and purposes of the program.

\*DC Batter Up!, incorporated as the D.C. High School Baseball Classic Inc., is a District of Columbia 501(c)(3) corporation, EIN 26-2054599. To learn more about our history, mission, scholarship program, and activities, please go to our web site at [www.dcbatterup.org](http://www.dcbatterup.org) and also follow us on Instagram (@dcbatterup).

**DC BATTER UP! COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
(KOCZELA SCHOLARSHIP)**



**(PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK OR BLUE INK OR TYPE)**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **High School Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To apply, you must be a member of your school's 2026 Varsity baseball or softball team.**

**Check the Varsity team on which you play: Baseball**  **Softball**

**Please list your high school activities and any jobs you have held:**

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**Briefly describe your life goals and how college will help you achieve them:**

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**Names of all colleges where you were accepted to begin study in fall 2026:**

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**Name of college where you intend to begin study in fall 2026:**

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**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**In addition to this completed and signed form, applicants must submit to DC Batter Up! the following: 1) an official high school transcript covering freshman, sophomore, and junior years and an official mid-year grade report for senior year; 2) a copy of the page of the FAFSA Submission Summary that shows the applicant's Student Aid Index (SAI) and estimated federal student aid; and 3) a copy of the letter or email notifying the applicant of his or her acceptance to the college the applicant plans to attend in fall 2026.**

**The final deadline for submission of application materials is May 18, 2026. However, DC Batter Up! urges applicants to submit their materials, if at all possible, by May 11, 2026, which is the date when the Scholarship Committee will begin its consideration of applicants.**

**The preferred means of applying for a Koczela Scholarship is as follows: 1) go to the "Scholarships" page on the DC Batter Up! web site at [www.dcbatterup.org](http://www.dcbatterup.org); 2) click on the "Apply Here" button; 3) fill out the provided online application; 4) upload the other required application materials; and 5) click "Submit."**

**However, if applying online presents a problem or issue, you may apply by filling out this "hard copy" of the scholarship application and emailing it, along with the other required application materials, to: [nrf.femia@gmail.com](mailto:nrf.femia@gmail.com).**