



**Weldon and Georgia Dacus Athletic Scholarship
Application: 2023-2024 School Year**

The purpose of this scholarship program is to recognize a high school graduating student athlete with a one-time monetary award of not less than \$250.00 to help offset the cost of higher education. Applicants will be considered based on athletic participation and achievement, good sportsmanship and citizenship, and engagement in school/community service. Students must meet the graduation requirements of Jim Ned Consolidated Independent School District. Students who have accepted a ‘full ride’ from a college or university or trade school (either athletic, academic or any combination) are not eligible to apply.

This scholarship is being offered through the Dacus Foundation and will be awarded at the 2024 Jim Ned All Sports Banquet on the evening of May 7th, 2024. Award recipient may or may not be the team’s best athlete, but he\she will have shown such exceptional enthusiasm, participation, dedication, and team spirit during his\her overall school experience that it is deemed as deserving of this special recognition. While attendance is not mandatory it is highly encouraged to attend when receiving an award.

Qualification Criteria:

- 1.) Be presently a senior at JNCISD and have participated in approved athletics program (at any time during your high school enrollment at JNCISD)
- 2.) Have had no athletic or school suspensions (in school or out of school)
- 3.) Submit a completed application, including cover letter, essay, verified Grade Point Average of 2.5 or above all four years and Coach’s Recommendation form

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE COUNSELOR’S OFFICE
BY 3:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

Student’s Name:			
Address:			
Phone Number:			
Parent/Guardian’s Name & Phone Number:			
Institution you plan to attend after graduation:			
Have you been accepted into this institution:	Yes	No	Have you been provided a ‘full ride’?
			Yes No

By signing below, I certify that I understand the criteria for the award and submission deadline for the completed application and its parts. I hereby authorize the review of all aspects of this application for the sole purpose of consideration for this award. I acknowledge that all information provided herein is true and correct.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Note: Dacus Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization made up of an action-oriented group of Weldon and Georgia Dacus family members and alumni of the JNCISD, and volunteers from the Jim Ned Valley community. Weldon Dacus was the first All-State End at Brady High School and won State in pole vault. Mr. and Mrs. Dacus began their Jim Ned journey in 1976 and not only supported their children in all their athletic activities but spreading their love of sport watching by contributing to athletic programs following the graduation of their children. Through dedication and teamwork, we support the enhancement of the athletic experience of JNCISD athletes, their teams, and their fans through the promotion of athletics, school spirit, and community awareness of their achievements. The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Dacus will serve as the "Selection Committee." Neither the Athletic Director nor any JNCISD Coaches will have any vote in the selection process. When a scholarship applicant has a parent or grandparent relation to a member of the selection committee, that member will not participate in the selection process of any applicant.

Circle each year you attended Jim Ned High School: **F**reshman **S**ophomore **J**unior **S**enior

If you did not attend JNHS in all four years, please attach information from your previous school(s), along with contact person and school phone number. If more space is needed, please attach an additional page.

Team Participation / Awards

SPORT	Years Participated				Varsity Letter				Post Season Recognition (individual not team)				
	JV Junior Varsity		V Varsity						D district	A area			
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.	R region	S state			

Other Extracurricular Activities - Awards and Recognition

Activity	9	10	11	12	Leadership Position Held Level Award (District, Area, Regional, State)

Community Service and other Related Volunteer Activities

Name of Organization	9	10	11	12	Hours per week	Role / Responsibilities

Work Experience

Place of Employment	9	10	11	12	Hours per week	Position Held

Senior Year Courses:

Maintained GPA of 2.5 or above all four years	
Class Rank:	Counselor Signature

Essay

In approximately 250-500 words, explain how engaging in high school athletics, as a team member or supporter, impacts oneself, as well as the school, family, and/or the Jim Ned community at large.

Students may type or legibly hand-write their response and must attach it to the back of their application.

Coach's Recommendation Form

Re: Athlete's Name: _____ (name to be marked out during review)

*The above-named student athlete is applying to receive a scholarship offered through the
Dacus Foundation.*

Please complete the following information and deliver this recommendation in a sealed envelope with the athlete's name on the outside to the Counselor's office by 3:00 on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, for the student to meet application requirements.

		Strongly ←		→ Strongly	
	Agree				Disagree
The athlete is a "team player."	5	4	3	2	1
The athlete is a worthy candidate for this scholarship.	5	4	3	2	1
The athlete performs to the best of his or her abilities.	5	4	3	2	1
The athlete sets a good example for teammates.	5	4	3	2	1
The athlete is a mentor for younger teammates.	5	4	3	2	1

Please describe a situation in which this athlete showed good sportsmanship qualities in a less than ideal situation. If more space is needed, please attach additional page to this form:

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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