

## **Against All Odds Scholarship Foundation, Inc.**

Worthy Polk County senior student-athletes go to [www.robinwagmanaa.org](http://www.robinwagmanaa.org) and click the application, essay and recommendation button and begin the process online or by downloading and mail.

For more information on qualifications, the following information should be very helpful to determine student-athlete worthiness. What is described in the short essay and recommendation paragraph is critical for the scholarship committee readers.

Completed applications are due by the third Thursday of May each school year. Previous college scholarships in various amounts have been awarded in June post-graduation (2008-1, 2011-1, 2012-6/1 and 2013-4/4, with 4 prior renewals)

***How do high school students who have faced the unthinkable in their young lives find the motivation to take their next step?***

***Without positive adult role models... many simply will not!***

With the numerous social and cultural challenges facing our students today, it is all too easy for them to be knocked off course, “slip through the cracks,” and fail at life before they even get started. Some kids are lucky because they are athletes who have the benefit of support from their teammates and most importantly, their coach. Coaches may be the only positive adult relationship in a student’s life, serving as a mentor, advisor, confidant, and advocate.

Robin Nable Wagman “Against All Odds” Scholarship recipients are senior student-athletes who have maintained their high academic and athletic performance despite facing a significant personal challenge such as debilitating illness or disease, physical disability, tragic accident or loss and parental abandonment.

Despite extraordinary circumstances, these individuals refused to be beaten and have endured, thrived, and inspired their peers, teachers, counselors, and coaches. They have demonstrated a strong spirit, persistent determination, courage, and the will to continue taking that next step, and the one after that, and the one after that, in order to live their lives to the fullest – just as Coach Wagman did.

The mission of the Robin Nable Wagman “Against All Odds” Scholarship Foundation is to honor the achievements of Polk County high school senior student-athletes by awarding college scholarships in recognition of their perseverance in the face of adversity.

Our vision is to help create the future leaders of Polk County by enabling our exceptional senior student-athletes to continue their academic achievement and community service in a college or university setting.

“Against All Odds” scholarships will be presented during the spring graduation ceremonies, if possible. As finances permit, initial and proceeding scholarships will be awarded each year, provided the student carries at least 12 hours of course credit each semester and maintains a 3.0 GPA each semester. Scholarship recipients also must continue to demonstrate the moral ideals of integrity, conviction, and leadership fostered by the AAO Foundation. The AAO Scholarship is an enduring award and recipient names will be added to the AAO Plaque that will be displayed on the “Wall of Fame” in HCHS.

The AAO Foundation desires to assist these outstanding senior student-athletes with high GPAs, distinguished varsity athletic careers, and school leadership positions to continue their education. Worthy applicants will be able to better afford tuition, housing, meals and books to attend college with the support of the AAO Foundation.

Please join us and help support our efforts to make it possible for these extraordinary young people to enter college and continue their paths to successful and productive lives.

Individual worthy senior student-athletes interested in applying for the AAO Scholarship may visit our website at [www.RobinWagmanAAO.org](http://www.RobinWagmanAAO.org) and complete the Scholarship Application Form, Student-Athlete Essay and Principal, Counselor, Athletic Director, Head Coach or Faculty member short descriptive paragraph on-line or download, printout, complete and submit to the address below on or before the third Thursday of May. Thank you very much.

**For additional information, please contact us at:**

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