



Dear Activity Director/Guidance Counselor:

In 1947, Jackie Robinson made baseball history by leading the National League in stolen bases and being named the National League's Rookie of the Year. That same year Robinson also impacted American history by becoming the first African-American to play Major League Baseball.

At the Omaha Storm Chasers, we recognize the important impact that Jackie Robinson had on America and the legacy he left for all Americans. Therefore, we are pleased to award the **Chasers Charities – Jackie Robinson Athletic Scholarship**, presented by The Weitz Company, as a way to recognize a local high school athlete for their hard work, character, and motivation to make a positive impact on our local community and society as a whole. This scholarship will be awarded to an African-American male or female who participates in high school athletics. There are several attributes the recipient must demonstrate to be considered for this award. Athletic achievement, scholarship in the classroom, community involvement, integrity, and motivation are several examples.

You will find an informational sheet attached to this letter regarding the details of the scholarship and how to apply. Feel free to distribute to those students matching the criteria and who may wish to apply. I am aware that you may not have contact with all of your upcoming senior players for this season; however our wish is to involve as many students as possible. By making them aware of this opportunity now, we hope to give every eligible player the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. All students that are nominated will be honored by the Omaha Storm Chasers during an April home game in the 2023 season.

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship, please contact me at by phone at (402) 738-2193 or by email at jennak@omahastormchasers.com. Thank you so much for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenna Kniss".

Jenna Kniss
Community Relations Coordinator
Omaha Storm Chasers Baseball Club

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Chasers Charities-Robinson Athletic Scholarship Program

The Program

The Chasers Charities-Robinson Athletic Scholarship Program is administered by Omaha Storm Chasers, the Triple-A Affiliate for the Kansas City Royals.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, the student must:

- Be a United States citizen or a permanent resident.
- Reside in the following counties: Sarpy, Douglas, Cass, Lancaster, and Pottawattamie.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be Black, male or female, and a high school student participating in athletics.
- Be a high school senior or graduate planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited postsecondary institution.

Awards

If selected, one male and one female will receive one \$1000 scholarship that is not renewable and is to be paid directly to the student's institution in their first semester.

Application

- Current, complete transcript of grades.
- Letter of support from current supervising principal, coach, or guidance counselor.
- Statement of how and why sports have been important in your life.
- Essay answering this question: Which athlete has inspired you and why? Please include examples.

Please complete the [online application](#) or send completed application to:

Chasers Charities
c/o Omaha Storm Chasers Baseball Club
Attn: Jenna Kniss
12356 Ballpark Way
Papillion, NE 68046
P: 402-738-2193
jennak@omahastormchasers.com

Application deadline is March 10, 2023.

Winners will be notified no later than March 31, 2023. A ceremony will take place Saturday, April 22 at the 2:05 p.m. home game, Omaha Storm Chasers vs. Gwinnett Strippers at Werner Park to recognize the winners.

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