



The Kevin Higgins College Scholarship Program



Education Level
High School Senior



Amount
\$1,000



Minimum HS GPA
2.5/4.0



Scholarships Awarded
Up to 10

Who is Eligible

The Kevin Higgins College Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors with a minimum 2.5 GPA who plan to attend a four-year college with a recognized rugby program in Fall 2026. Selection considers character, recommendations, community involvement, extracurriculars, rugby potential, and personal statement. Funds may be used for tuition, books, or fees.

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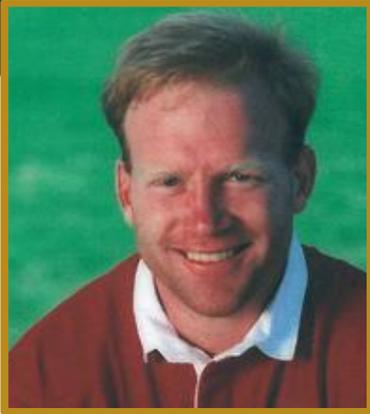


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Scholarship Process Timeline

- May 1st** ● Applications Open
- August 31st** ● Applications Close
- Fall Semester** ● Review Applications
- Spring Semester** ● Check applicant's college attendance and rugby participation. Award scholarship.

About the Scholarship



Kevin Higgins

Kevin “Higgy” Higgins is widely regarded as one of the most prolific players to ever wear a United States Eagles jersey. A versatile and dynamic back, he excelled as a dashing number 13, could seamlessly cover a rugged 12, and often outpaced most opponents on the wing. Higgins was a three-time Collegiate All-American at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and made his first of 28 test match appearances against Japan in 1985 while still a student, a remarkable achievement for a young athlete. He represented the United States at the inaugural Rugby World Cups in 1987 (Australia) and 1991 (England), captaining the team on three occasions, reflecting his leadership and strategic understanding of the game. Beyond the 15s format, Kevin earned 16 caps with the USA 7s team, including three trips to the prestigious Hong Kong Sevens Tournament, showcasing his speed, skill, and commitment to elevating American rugby on the world stage.

The Scholarship

The Kevin Higgins College Scholarship Program was established by the US Rugby Foundation to honor Kevin’s remarkable contributions to rugby and inspire the next generation of players. Each year, up to 10 scholarships of \$1,000 are awarded to deserving high school seniors across the United States who demonstrate talent, dedication, and a commitment to continuing their rugby careers at the collegiate level. The scholarships are independent awards open to any graduating rugby player pursuing higher education, providing support as they balance academics and athletics. By celebrating both athletic achievement and personal character, the program ensures Kevin Higgins’ legacy continues to influence and empower young rugby players nationwide.



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