



The Kulpa Foundation Opens Applications for the Kulpa Future Leaders Scholarship

The scholarship provides a one-time \$2,500 award to students who have overcome significant medical and financial hardship.

COHASSET, MA, UNITED STATES, August 11, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Kulpa Foundation, the philanthropic organization founded by Jason and Melissa Kulpa to ease the financial burden of medical debt, announced that applications are open for the Kulpa Future Leaders Scholarship. The scholarship supports a high school senior, recent graduate, or current undergraduate who has faced serious medical and financial challenges on the path to higher education.

The award provides up to \$2,500 to the winner. The scholarship is intended to lift some of the financial pressure from students so they can focus on their studies, their communities, and their long-term goals.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

To be considered, applicants must:

Be a high school senior, high school graduate, or currently enrolled undergraduate student

Demonstrate a personal history of medical challenges or significant medical debt within their household

Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5

Show a record of community service or leadership involvement

Selections are made by the Kulpa Foundation's review committee based on academic achievement, leadership qualities, community involvement, and the impact medical and financial hardship have had on the applicant's educational journey.

A Personal Mission

"This scholarship exists because we have seen up close how quickly a medical crisis can derail a student's future," said Jason Kulpa, co-founder of the Kulpa Foundation. "These are students

who have already shown they have what it takes to lead. We just want to make sure a hospital bill is not what stands between them and their degree."

How to Apply

Applications for the current cycle are being accepted directly in the [official announcement thread on Reddit](#). Interested students should review the pinned application details and submit their materials, including a required essay on the financial challenges they have faced in pursuing their education, in that thread.

The deadline for applications is August 31, 2026.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Jason Kulpa?

Jason Kulpa is an entrepreneur and philanthropist based in Cohasset, Massachusetts. He founded UE.co, which was acquired by Digital Media Solutions in 2019, and co-founded the Kulpa Foundation in 2024 after his father's death from cancer.

What is the Kulpa Future Leaders Scholarship?

It is a one-time award of up to \$2,500 from the Kulpa Foundation for students whose education has been affected by serious illness or household medical debt.

What is the deadline to apply?

August 31, 2026.

Is there a fee to apply?

No. The Kulpa Foundation does not charge an application fee for any of its scholarship or assistance programs.

Who is eligible?

High school seniors, high school graduates, and currently enrolled undergraduates with a minimum 2.5 GPA and a history of medical hardship or household medical debt.

About Jason Kulpa

Jason Kulpa is an entrepreneur and philanthropist based in Cohasset, Massachusetts. He is the founder and former chief executive of UE.co, a San Diego technology company named to the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies for four consecutive years and acquired by Digital Media Solutions in 2019. A two-time recipient of the San Diego Business Journal's Most Admired CEO award and a graduate of Arizona State University, Jason Kulpa co-founded the Kulpa Foundation with his wife, Melissa Anderson Kulpa, in 2024 following his father's death from cancer. The experience of managing his family's medical bills during that illness is the direct origin of the foundation's work.

About Melissa Anderson Kulpa

Melissa Anderson Kulpa is co-founder of the Kulpa Foundation and a former Division I lacrosse player at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Raised by a single mother, she directs the foundation's work supporting young women in athletics and education.

About the Kulpa Foundation

The Kulpa Foundation, established by Jason and Melissa Kulpa, is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to alleviating the financial burden of medical debt. Through direct assistance, educational initiatives, and strategic partnerships, the foundation provides immediate support and long-term solutions to help families navigate the devastating economic impact of health crises. The Kulpas' mission is to create a future where medical challenges are not compounded by financial strain, ensuring that every family has the resources and support they need to heal and move forward.

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