



## PURPOSE

The Gavalas-Kolanko Foundation (GKF) is a public charity established to help students with physical disabilities reach their secondary educational goals. The GKF awards scholarships to students with physical impairments (sight, hearing, movement) at Charleston Southern University.

## FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

To qualify for the scholarship, first-time applicants must complete this form, in detail, with all supporting documents indicated below and return it to Dr. Annie Watson, Director of Student Success & Disability Services at Charleston Southern University—no later than **Friday, July 26 2019**. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years, subject to the applicant's request for renewal, the applicant's continued suitability for the scholarship, and available funding of the GKF.

## RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

The GKF scholarship is not automatically renewed. Previous CSU recipients who wish to renew the scholarship must submit (a) current academic transcripts and (b) an updated list of extra-curricular/community service activities to Dr. Annie Watson, Director of Student Success & Disability Services.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The Foundation board will review all new and renewal applications and then

award **2019-2020** scholarships, based on applicant suitability and current GFK funding resources. If selected, award recipients will receive notification during Fall semester of the current academic year. The scholarship award will be applied to your Spring semester financial aid awards.

## SELECTED APPLICANTS

Scholarship recipients should be prepared to serve as an ambassador/spokesperson of the Foundation and participate in GKF-related social and civic functions throughout the scholarship year. In particular, the pleasure of your presence is requested at the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year—the Charleston James Island Connector Run (CJICR). Typically, the event has been held on "Students with Disabilities Day," proclaimed by Mayor Joe Riley, Jr. This year's CJICR is **October 26, 2019**.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

In addition to completing the Personal Information Section below, first-time applicants must submit all of the following items, along with their application:

- a. Personal letter outlining your educational and vocational goals
- b. Complete, official transcript of your academic record (2.5 minimum GPA for undergraduate applicants and 3.0 minimum for graduate applicants)
- c. List of extra-curricular activities and organizations
- d. Two letters of recommendation; one must be from a former teacher. Letters of recommendation from a family member are not acceptable for this purpose.
- e. Picture of yourself

## PERSONAL INFORMATION SECTION

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cell Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
5. Permanent Address (if different then above) \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
8. Nature of Disability \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_
10. High School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_
11. Year of HS graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Standing in class/ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

<b>For Graduate Students Only</b>	
Bachelor Degree Awarded	
Date Degree Conferred	
Name of Institution	

12. Field of College Study: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major/Minor \_\_\_\_\_
13. Class standing at Charleston Southern University in **Fall 2019**:  
 Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_  
 Graduate Student \_\_\_\_\_
14. Extra-curricular activities while in college (school and community):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
15. Have you been accepted for admissions to Charleston Southern University? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are you willing to appear at Foundation functions as an ambassador/spokesperson? \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL NEED**

17. Are you currently employed full or part time? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
*If currently employed, **where** and how many hours per week?*

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18. If currently employed, where and how many hours per week? \_\_\_\_\_

19. List previous scholarships and amounts awarded each year. Please note which scholarships will be awarded for the **2019-2020** school year:

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

20. List source and amounts of any current student loans. Please include any student loan loans for the **2019-2020** school year:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

21. Please complete the following budget with estimated income and expenses for the year **2019-20120**:

ESTIMATED INCOME		ESTIMATED EXPENSES	
<b>FUNDS FROM PARENTS:</b>	\$ _____	Tuition:	\$ _____
<b>FROM WORK:</b>	\$ _____	Books/Supplies:	\$ _____
<b>FROM SAVINGS:</b>	\$ _____	Housing/Food:	\$ _____
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS/LOANS:</b>	\$ _____	College	\$ _____
		Activities:	
<b>OTHER SOURCES:</b>	\$ _____	Misc. Expenses:	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$ _____	Total:	\$ _____

22. Additional information you would like to share with us so we may know you better:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed form and additional requirements to:

**Dr. Annie Watson/Director of Student Success & Disability Services**  
**Charleston Southern University**  
**9200 University Boulevard**  
**Charleston, SC 29406**

Office location: Strom Thurmond Center  
Telephone: (843) 863-7159 Fax: (843) 863-8030

Note: If you do not currently receive accommodations through the Office of Disability Services at our university, you must make an appointment with Dr. Annie Watson, Director of Student Success & Disability to submit your application packet, in person.

For more information on the Gavalas Kolanko Foundation, visit us on the web [www.gkfoundation.org](http://www.gkfoundation.org). For more information on the Charleston James Island Connector Run/ Walk, visit [www.jicrun.com](http://www.jicrun.com).