



Sporting Omaha FC
14706 Giles Rd Omaha, NE 68138



Kelley Jo VerVelde
Arsenal 91-92
1991-2008

Kelley was fun loving and easy going. She loved animals and was concerned about the environment. And she was passionate about soccer. Despite being an all-star basketball player through 8th grade, she dedicated her time and energy to soccer. When asked why, she said, “The space, the outdoors and the sun,” though she loved playing in the rain, too.

Kelley’s commitment to soccer was earning the attention of several Division I schools. She had a 3.6 GPA, many friends and rarely caused trouble. Kelley was her own person, a free spirit and absolutely loved life.

A recent University of Houston study found that, of 153 attempted suicides, only 13% of survivors between the ages of 13 and 34 had contemplated their act for eight hours or longer. Of the rest, 70% reported that the time from decision to attempt was less than one hour, and an astonishing 24% put the interval at less than five minutes. In terms of a lifetime – and all the potential that holds – these often-irrevocable decisions are made in mere moments. Hopefully Kelley’s passing can raise awareness of this serious problem.

Even in death, Kelley wanted to make a difference as an organ donor.

Currently over 80,000 people in the United States are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. These children and adults are completely dependent upon the generosity of a stranger. Organ donation is a selfless and heroic act that a simple decision can make possible. Anyone can choose to give this greatest of gifts. You can donate up to 8 lifesaving organs and up to 50 life-enhancing tissues. All you need to do is sign a donor card or the back of your driver’s license and, please, tell your loved ones so they can carry out your wishes. Perhaps your selflessness will even inspire others. With your help in spreading this important message, we can all leave a legacy of life for those in need.

On behalf of Kelley’s memory, the Sporting Omaha FC are assisting any individual chosen through a one-time donation of *\$1000 to each gender winner.*



Kelley Jo VerVelde Memorial Scholarship Application Instructions

An applicant must:

1. Be a High School senior
2. Be a resident of Nebraska
3. Intend to go to college and pursue a higher level of education
4. Complete the application in full **in** by March 31st.
5. Write an essay (one page) on “The importance of organ donation”
6. Provide three (3) letters of reference

Deadline Date: All application materials must be received by Alex Mason post marked no later than March 31st, of the student’s senior year in High School. Please follow the steps below in completing the application.

1. Review the scholarship criteria before completing this application to make sure you are eligible for this Scholarship. (Attached)
2. Answer all questions completely and as accurately as possible.
3. Clearly print in black ink or type on the Application form.
4. Provide a copy of transcripts that include your GPA and class rank.
5. Obtain Three (3) letters of reference that can attest to character, work ethic, Community work, sportsmanship, etc., and attach to the application
 - a. One must come from a Community leader.
 - b. One must come from some teacher or school personnel.
 - c. One may come from anyone other than a family member.
6. Include a copy of your driver’s license or other identification verifying Nebraska residency.
7. Essay on Organ Donation (you do not need to be a donor to receive scholarship)
 - d. Essay must be one-page, single-spaced.
 - e. Essay may be hand written or completed on a computer.
 - f. Correct grammar and spelling are required.
8. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered (Applicants not chosen will not be given reasons as to why)
9. Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified of the results by mail or by phone.
10. Scholarship funds will be disbursed upon proof of enrollment at a post-secondary institution the semester following graduation in the fall. The post-secondary institution will credit the funds in two installments on a per-semester basis. If the recipient does not register for classes or fails to attend classes, the money will be returned to the Scholarship Fund
11. The Scholarship will be presented at the earliest convenience once the selection process has been completed.
12. The chairpersons can, at any time, deny scholarship funds if the recipient has been found to be abusing alcohol or drugs.



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Applicant Information: Part 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / zip code: _____

Home phone number: _____

Education Information

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

City / State / zip code: _____

Class rank: _____ out of: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Signature of High School Official: _____

Name and Title

Print Name: _____

Name and address of College you will attend:

School Major: interest and why:



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Applicant's Information: Part 2

Please tell us in 3-5 sentences why you feel you deserve this scholarship:

Community Service / Volunteer Service / other related Activities:

Please list individually with dates past and present.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____



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Kelley Jo VerVelde Memorial Scholarship Structure & Guidelines

1. The VerVelde Family will honor the Scholarship once the recipient has been Selected.
2. The following individuals will be on the scholarship selection board:
David VerVelde (Father)
Denise VerVelde (mother)
Alex Mason
3. The Kelley Jo VerVelde Scholarship Fund will be held at First National Bank.
4. Donations & Scholarship requests can be made at the Following locations:

Kelley Jo VerVelde Scholarship
Attn: Alex Mason
14706 Giles Road, Omaha, NE 68138

Donation checks should be made out to:
“Kelley Jo VerVelde Memorial Scholarship Fund”
5. The Millard Star/SOFC soccer program will be associated with the fund and help guide & direct the Scholarship fund selection board as needed.

Scholarship Winner Guidelines and Protection:

1. The Winner of the above scholarship must declare and report the financial aid to the post-secondary institution she plans to attend. Failure to do so can result in the student losing eligibility for additional financial aid from the Kelley Jo VerVelde Scholarship fund and the post-secondary institution.
2. The recipient can receive additional financial aid from other organizations; it is the responsibility of the Winner to declare the funds to all organizations.