Apply Kansas!
Site Coordinator Training
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“1, 2, 4 or More”
What is Apply Kansas?

Our statewide campaign in which high schools conduct events to help seniors apply to college or other post-secondary destinations.
Apply Kansas joined the national campaign in 2015
Small Group Time!

Describe your Apply Kansas Event

What steps are critical to success?

How has your Apply Kansas event changed over the years?

Any good crash & burn stories?
Hosting an Apply Kansas Event

Your program can make a difference!
Your APPLY Kansas Event

1. **Plan your Event**
   Register for each fall, Order Swag Items, Attend training, Select date, etc...

2. **Promote your Event**
   ("Why Apply Day" is Sept 22, 2023)

3. **Prepare Senior BEFORE the event**
   Making college lists, college fair, application worksheet in a classroom lesson, Update IPS

4. **Host your Event & Celebrate!**
   (share on social media, use stickers/pennants, etc)

5. **Student Sign out Survey**
   (Collect your data & submit your summary survey)

6. **Prep Students/Families for FAFSA**
APPLY Kansas & Site Coordinator Webpages

Your one-stop shop!

Links, Resources, Manual Registration, Reporting, Order Giveaway Items & more!
We will give you resources to help, but we’ll never “MAKE” you run your event a certain way.

Apply Kansas events are for ALL seniors, AND you can target a specific group of students with application activities!

K-12 Schools, Community Organizations, Libraries, and more can host an event & help!

The only thing we require is collecting student data & completing our summary report.
Required Components of APPLY Kansas Events

1. Create an event with at-risk students in mind

2. Collect Summary Data from all seniors participating in Apply Kansas

3. Celebrate all completed applications!

Remember...Post-Secondary planning isn’t a one-size-fits-all process!

*Your Apply Kansas event should reflect all the different paths & interests of your students!*
Small Group Time!

Share with those around you:

Who needs APPLY Kansas this year?

1. Who are the students underachieving with their post-secondary goals? Flying under the radar? Marginalized?
2. What can you do this year to target those students in APPLY Kansas?
Kansas APPLY Free Days

Which Kansas Residents are Eligible?

• First time Freshman? Yes
• Adult Learners? Yes
• Students on F/R Lunch? Yes
• Students not on F/R Lunch? Yes
• Transfer & Returning Students? Yes
• Students applying for certificate programs? Yes
• Students applying for nursing programs (mid-degree)? No
• Students applying for graduate programs? No

New this Year!
Kansas Residents who wish to seek admission to a Kansas public or private* college or university are eligible to submit undergraduate or general admission applications for free on Nov. 7-9, 2023.

*some for-profit Kansas private colleges may choose not to participate

Nov. 7-9, 2023
Collecting/Reporting your Data

How can this DATA help your students & your program?

ACAC
American College Application Campaign

ACT
Center for Equity in Learning

APPLY KANSAS
College Application Month
1. Survey all of your seniors toward the end of the semester!

2. Just a few questions
   - How Many Applications
   - Names of Institutions (can be military or jobs)
   - Have students include all completed apps (use my starter survey)

3. Submit your Summary Data to Apply Kansas
   - By December 1, 2023

4. Use your summary data with administration!
   - Show your stakeholders how many applications your seniors completed!

*You have to submit the Site Summary Survey to be eligible for All Star Status*
Create QR code for students to complete survey online

Using an electronic survey will give you “ready-made” Data!
Why Apply Day

Friday, Sept 22, 2024-
A National Day to promote your APPLY Kansas event!
**Four Corners Activity**

Fold a blank piece of paper into quarters. Label each box with one of the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>One reason I went to college</th>
<th>One thing I learned about myself in college</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>One thing I learned in a college class</td>
<td>One benefit I received from my education</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
#Why Apply Day: Friday, Sept 22, 2023

Write your reason!

Wear College Gear

Ask staff & faculty to write their reasons

Take selfies, Post on social media, create a slideshow or display in school

Get students excited about your Apply Event!

#WhyApply
All Star High Schools

Our state-wide recognition program!
ALL Star Events

APPLY Kansas Event
October 2023

FAFSA Completion Event
Jan-March 2024

Senior Signing Day
May 1, 2024

Pictures courtesy of Council Grove HS, Garden City HS, Minneola HS, Olathe South HS, Olathe West HS, Royal Valley HS, & Thomas More Prep
ALL Star High School Program

Requirements

1. APPLY Kansas- Application Event
2. Submit your Site Summary Survey (Nov/Dec)
3. FAFSA Completion Event
4. Senior Signing/ National Decision Day
5. Submit the All Star Survey (April)
ALL Star High School Awards

KBOR Award Presentation

1st year Banner

Social Media Graphic

2023 Sticker
Senior signing day activities can be as simple as a banner or “all the places you will go” bulletin board, or an organized community-wide celebration.

Discuss what you’ve done to recognize the decisions of your senior class!
FAFSA Changes

What you need to know about the 2023-2024 FAFSA
The FAFSA Simplification Act was ratified in August 2022, with the intent to streamline the FAFSA application process. It specified three goals:

1. Expanded Eligibility for Federal financial aid
2. Reduced Barriers for certain student populations
A Better FAFSA

Simplified Form

• Reduced number of questions
• Better skip logic
• Roll based form
  • Students first, which triggers invite to parents (“contributors”)
• Tax information is electronically transferred for all “contributors”
• Form opens sometime before Jan 1, 2024

FSA ID

• Everyone (students & contributors) need an electronic FSA-ID
• Signature page is going away
• Students/contributors without a SSN will be able to create a FSA ID
  • Students who aren’t eligible for federal aid still shouldn’t file a FAFSA, but this will help parents who are undocumented or living abroad
  • This feature will open with the new FAFSA application

Remember the experts in our institutions’ financial aid offices will help you and your families navigate concerns & exceptions with this new process!
The Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators has a series of trainings for HS counselors.

2023-2024 Training Schedule

KASFAA FAFSA Trainings

- **Highlights on FAFSA Changes**
  - Sept 26, 2023  9:30-11:00am

- **Special/Unusual Circumstances & Professional Judgments**
  - Oct. 17, 2023  9:30-11:00am

- **Scholarships**
  - Nov. 7, 2023  9:30-11:00am

- **Better FAFSA Walk Through**
  - (step by step walkthrough of screen shots with FAFSA application)
  - Late January 2024

- **Financial Aid Offers**
  - March 26, 2024  9:30-11:00am

Tentative: December 13, 2023, 6:30pm for Students & Families

“Setting Up An FSA ID/Preparing for the FAFSA”
College Resources

Post-Secondary Resources beyond APPLY Kansas
• Professional Organization for College Admissions
• Membership $25/individual or $50/institution
• Conference in Kansas City, MO- April 2024
• Lunch & Learn, Newsletter, College Tours, Events, Network with colleagues across three states

Find us!

Apply Kansas Website
College Lesson Resources
FAFSA Event Resources
Financial Aid/Scholarships
Student Resources

Apply Kansas: College Application Month
Group: Apply Kansas Site Coordinators

ApplyKS

*Being an Apply Kansas School will put you on my email list and get you access to webinars, resources, FAFSA and other post-secondary events that pop up throughout the school year.
Questions?

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Double Check:

1. Have you registered as an Apply KS School?
   • Check the List
   • Register Here

2. Have you ordered your giveaway items?
   • Check the List
   • Order Here