

# ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR THE KANSAS HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRISONERS OF WAR



## **WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE?**

The Kansas Hero's Scholarship Act (K.S.A. 75-4364) establishes a waiver which provides an opportunity for eligible prisoners of war to attend an eligible public Kansas postsecondary educational institution without payment of tuition and required fees. The student will be responsible for all other charges associated with the student's academic program. This waiver is only available for undergraduate coursework.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** Applicants are encouraged to submit their completed form and required documentation as soon as they know which eligible school they will be attending. This is not a competitive scholarship. All applicants who submit their completed form and required documentation by the deadline and are determined by the Kansas Board of Regents to be eligible for the scholarship will receive the scholarship beginning the semester for which they submitted their application on time.

**Fall Semester: December 1**

**Spring Semester: May 1**

**Summer Semester: July 1**

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

Prisoners of War: An individual who is eligible for this benefit must meet both of the following criteria:

- The individual was a resident of Kansas when they entered active service in the United States armed forces; **AND**
- the individual, while serving in the United States armed forces, was declared a prisoner of war, as established by the United States Secretary of Defense after January 1, 1960.

**Applicant must provide documentation showing all requirements are met. Please review the required documentation section below for more information.**

## **LENGTH OF ELIGIBILITY**

Each eligible prisoner of war may qualify for tuition and fee waivers for a total of ten (10) semesters of **undergraduate instruction**. Summer semesters are eligible for funding and count as 1/3 of a semester of eligibility. Eligibility will begin during the first semester following the application. If currently enrolled when applying, eligibility will start during the current semester for which an applicant met the application deadline. Eligibility is not retroactive – we cannot provide this benefit for semesters that have already passed.

## **WHERE CAN ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLL?**

Public **Kansas postsecondary educational institutions**, which includes public technical colleges, public community colleges, public state universities, and Washburn. This scholarship is not available for attendance at private or independent institutions. This scholarship is not available at out-of-state institutions.

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

Applicants must provide documentation showing they were a resident of Kansas when entering the United States armed forces. Applicants must also provide one of the following documents to show proof of POW status:

- A letter from the Veteran's Administration, the Department of Defense, or an Armed Services department verifying POW status
- A DD Form 214 identifying POW status
- A military medical identification card identifying POW status, or
- a POW card issued by the detainment facility

**Questions? Email: [scholars@ksbor.org](mailto:scholars@ksbor.org) Phone: 785-430-4300**

## APPLICATION FOR THE KANSAS HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRISONERS OF WAR



Students seeking tuition and fee waivers as prisoners of war must complete and return this form and all required supporting documentation to: [scholars@ksbor.org](mailto:scholars@ksbor.org), or mail to Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, KS, 66612. Waivers will be provided if a student meets eligibility criteria. Please read the definitions on the cover page of this form to assist in determining whether you will be eligible for this benefit. Please provide all relevant required documentation in addition to submitting this form. Applications that do not include required documentation will be denied.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES: Fall Semester: December 1; Spring Semester: May 1; Summer Semester: July 1**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Eligible Prisoner of War Student ID, if known

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Institution you will be attending (DO NOT LEAVE THIS BLANK)

Enrollment Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year Month/year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Branch of the U.S. Armed Services Served Dates of Active Service

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home address at time of entering service (DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED) Dates POW lived at this address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and location POW status was conferred (DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED)

By signing this application form, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify me for benefits.

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

**Submission by email is preferred but mailed applications will also be reviewed. Please submit completed form and required documentation to: [scholars@ksbor.org](mailto:scholars@ksbor.org) or mail to the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Individuals who are also using Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits should carefully consider how the Hero's scholarship may affect those benefits. We encourage students to talk with their school's military-affiliated centers/staff about how to maximize all of their entitlements.

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