



STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

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Student financial aid includes grants, scholarships, and loans. It can be available through the federal and state government, private corporations, and philanthropic organizations. The Kansas Board of Regents is responsible for the administration of the 16 state-funded student financial assistance programs for the State of Kansas totaling over \$22 million in scholarships for FY 2018.

Each of the state-funded programs is established by state law, several of which require annual reports to the Legislature and Governor. This report is provided in order to fulfill these statutory requirements.

CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT (KSA 74-32,423)

(Formerly the Vocational Education Scholarship Program)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the grant program is to encourage individuals to further their education and provide the benefit of their employment to the State of Kansas to assist in the development of a strong state workforce in high demand, critical industry employment fields.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Grants are awarded to students who are residents of Kansas and have graduated from a high school accredited by the State Board of Education or who have received general educational development (GED) credentials issued by the Kansas Board of Regents, or have graduated from a home school program or a non-accredited private secondary school as defined and authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 72-4345 et seq. Students must be enrolled in or have been accepted for admission to an eligible career technical education program operated by a designated Kansas educational institution that has been identified as offering a technical certificate or associate of applied science degree program in a high cost, high demand or critical industry field. Designated Kansas educational institutions include technical colleges, community colleges, and public four-year colleges that award associate of applied science degrees; and Washburn Institute of Technology. Only technical certificate and associate of applied science degree programs are included among the eligible programs. Students may be enrolled either part-time or full-time in their program of study. Awards for part-time students are pro-rated.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria used by the Kansas Board of Regents in selecting recipients includes Kansas resident status and admission or enrollment in a designated high demand; critical industry program of study at a designated Kansas educational institution. Preference is given to applicants with financial need as measured by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The maximum amount of the award is \$1,000 per year for full-time students. Part-time student awards are proportionate based on the number of credit hours the student is enrolled in per academic period, when compared and computed as a fraction of the total number of credit hours required for full-time enrollment. Funding for the program is subject to the availability of resources. Awards are renewable contingent upon the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress, continuous enrollment in a high demand, critical industry field, submission of a renewal grant application, and the availability of funding.

FY 2012: \$118,500/ 237 students
FY 2013: \$80,500/ 161 students
FY 2014: \$295,200/ 361 students
FY 2015: \$313,615/ 366 students
FY 2016: \$179,650/ 207 students
FY 2017: \$93,650/ 107 students

With a projected maximum award of \$1,000, the program would assist 204 students in FY 2018.

FY 2018: \$204,225
FY 2019: \$114,075

KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 74-32,233)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This program is designed to assist financially needy designated State Scholars who plan to be full-time students enrolled at an accredited Kansas institution. Awards are based on the principle that students with high academic achievement should be able to attend their Kansas school of choice without undue regard for the cost of any specific institution.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

The program currently provides for an annual maximum individual grant of \$1,000 to designated high school seniors or students currently enrolled in one of Kansas' post-secondary institutions. Students are designated scholars on the basis of completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum and an index number utilizing the ACT Composite Score and the cumulative high school GPA measured at the end of the 7th semester. Recipients must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time and have submitted the federal student financial aid application and the state application. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 college GPA measured at the end of each spring semester.

FY 2012: \$991,601/ 1,112 students
FY 2013: \$937,446/ 989 students
FY 2014: \$870,456/ 928 students
FY 2015: \$928,528/ 933 students
FY 2016: \$807,846/ 800 students
FY 2017: \$674,972/ 678 students

With a projected maximum award of \$1,000, the program will assist approximately 1,000 students in FY 2018.

FY 2018: \$1,127,814
FY 2019: \$925,254

KANSAS CAREER WORK STUDY (KSA 74-3274)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

To assist companies to provide career related work experiences to Kansas residents enrolled at Regents institutions and Washburn University.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

The 1994 Legislature merged the Kansas Career Work-Study Program and the Youth Education Services program for administrative efficiencies and flexibility. The program provides at least one-half of a student's wage to be paid by the employer and up to one-half to be paid by the institution using funds from the Kansas Work Study program. Students work about 15-20 hours per week and are encouraged to work in a job that is directly related to their field of study. The Board of Regents staff, based on enrollment patterns and funding from the federal College Work Study program, allocates funds among the institutions. The pay range is \$7.25 - \$15.00/hour and the hours worked per week range are 1 - 40 hours. Approximately 13 percent of the state funds are earmarked for students providing tutoring services to elementary and secondary students at the school site. Schools do not have to match the state funds for tutoring services expenditures.

FY 2012: \$496,813/ 396 students
FY 2013: \$496,813/ 343 students
FY 2014: \$496,332/ 340 students
FY 2015: \$496,813/ 379 students
FY 2016: \$496,813/ 364 students
FY 2017: \$446,813/ 294 students

The program is expected to assist approximately 360 students in FY 2018. The employer share will be approximately \$500,000.

FY 2018: \$496,813
FY 2019: \$496,813

POLICY FOR AWARDING KANSAS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 74-3282(d))

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This program was created to encourage Brasenose, Clevening, Fulbright, Madison, Marshall, Mellon, Rhodes and Truman scholars from Kansas to continue their graduate studies at Kansas public universities. Kansas reimburses tuition and fees to recipients, subject to funding constraints.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

There is not a specific scholarship application for the Kansas Distinguished Scholarship Program, however applicants provide the Board office with a letter stating their educational plans (including where they will be attending school) along with a copy of the letter designating their scholarship (Truman, Fulbright, etc.).

In terms of making the awards, it is a first-come, first-served order. There is \$25,000 available to award in this program and once the funding has been distributed for an academic year, no additional awards can be made. The scholarship – according to statutory language – will cover tuition & fees for a student enrolled full-time in a graduate program of study.

Students who are renewing their awards are given first priority.

FY 2011: \$12,500/ 1 student
FY 2012: \$25,000/ 1 student
FY 2013: \$25,000/ 2 students
FY 2014: \$17,346.50/ 2 students
FY 2015: \$25,000/ 2 students
FY 2016: \$7,115/ 1 student
FY 2017: \$10,005/ 2 students

It is expected that one student will receive an award in FY 2018.

FY 2018: \$25,000
FY 2019: \$25,000

KANSAS ETHNIC MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP (KSA 74-3284)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

To increase the enrollment in Kansas colleges and universities of academically able ethnic/minority Kansas residents. Compared to their high school graduation rates, these students are under-represented in Kansas institutions. This program is designed to assist financially needy Native American, Asian American, African-American and Hispanic scholars who want to enroll on a full-time basis at an accredited Kansas institution. This program is based on the principle that students with high academic achievement should be able to attend their Kansas school of choice without undue regard for the cost of any specific institution.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

The program provides for an annual maximum individual award not to exceed 75% of the tuition and fees of full-time in-state students. The award is \$1,850 to graduating seniors who are competitive in ACT/SAT, GPA and class rank as well as preference given to those students who have completed the Kansas Scholars Curriculum. Recipients must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time and have submitted the federal student financial aid application and the state application. Recipients must maintain a 2.0 college GPA measured at the end of each spring semester.

FY 2011: \$313,014/ 183 students
FY 2012: \$347,230/ 196 students
FY 2013: \$387,051/ 223 students
FY 2014: \$441,006/ 260 students
FY 2015: \$439,082/ 246 students
FY 2016: \$481,247/ 274 students
FY 2017: \$446,993/ 254 students

This scholarship is expected to assist approximately 160 students, based on an average award of \$1,850.

FY 2018: \$487,959
FY 2019: \$296,498

KANSAS COMPREHENSIVE GRANT (KSA 74-32,120)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

In the 1998 session, the Governor recommended and the Legislature approved the merger of the Kansas Tuition Grant Program, the Washburn Tuition Grant Program and the Regents Supplemental Grant Program into the Comprehensive Grant Program. This program was based on the principle that academically admissible students should be able to attend their Kansas school of choice without undue regard for the cost of any specific institution. This program is designed to assist financially needy, Kansas residents who want to enroll on a full-time basis at a Kansas baccalaureate granting institution.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

The program provides for a maximum individual grant, for a student enrolled at a state educational institution or municipal university, of up to \$1,500 maximum and a minimum award of \$100. The maximum individual grant awarded for a student enrolled at an independent institution is \$3,500 and a minimum award of \$200. Students must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time and have submitted the federal student financial aid application by the priority deadline. Each institution receives an annual allocation based upon the breadth and depth of financial need of eligible applicants. Schools also receive an awarding flowchart from Regents' staff to ensure a student receives similar awarding consideration at any of the institutions. Schools submit annual reports of applicants and recipients to facilitate an annual update to the allocation formula.

Prior to FY 2012, the program was also supported with federal funds, which are no longer awarded. New proviso language was added to the FY 2016 appropriation line item for this program, which changed the distribution of funds between public and private universities for only that year. The language required that not less than 60 percent of the total amount be awarded to independent and private colleges. Because of the higher dollar amount for those students, the number of students impacted was less in that year.

FY 2011: \$15,790,521/ 10,717 students
FY 2012: \$16,143,305/ 9,423 students
FY 2013: \$16,185,423/ 9,895 students
FY 2014: \$16,185,423/ 9,821 students
FY 2015: \$16,283,907/ 10,059 students
FY 2016: \$15,758,338/ 8,069 students
FY 2017: \$15,758,338/ 8,999 students

The program is expected to assist 9,000 students in FY 2018.

FY 2018: \$15,758,338
FY 2019: \$15,758,338

NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 74-3291)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This program is designed to reduce the impact of recurrent shortages of nurses especially in rural areas of Kansas.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

Students seeking a nursing scholarship must locate a sponsor who will pay up to one-half the scholarship stipend and agree to employ the scholarship recipient within six months of licensure. The 2001 Legislature increased the maximum award amount from \$3,500 to 70% of the in-state cost of attendance for an academic year at a state institution. Limited available funding kept the maximum award amounts from FY 2003 to FY2017 at \$2,500 for an LPN and \$3,500 for an RN. The maximum was increased to \$3,500 for an LPN and \$4,500 for an RN starting in FY2018 to make the program more attractive.

Rural and small-approved facilities pay \$1,000 of the \$2,500 (LPN) or \$3,500 (RPN) annual scholarship, and urban facilities pay one-half. Students must be full-time enrolled in a Kansas nursing program and agree to provide one year of nursing service to the sponsor for each year of scholarship support. The award is need-based only if there are more eligible applicants than available funding. Recipients who do not serve must repay the scholarship amount at the interest rate for loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time the student entered into the agreement plus five percentage points accruing from the date of release of funds.

The 2017 Legislature amended the program to give priority to qualified applicants whose sponsor is a mental health or treatment facility. An applicant does not have to be a Kansas resident, but the employing sponsor must be in Kansas. The program is financed from the State General Fund and sponsors' funds.

FY 2012: \$258,750 SGF + \$125,000 sponsor funding = \$383,750 / 129 students
FY 2013: \$231,625 SGF + \$110,875 sponsor funding = \$342,500 / 120 students
FY 2014: \$186,500 SGF + \$87,000 sponsor funding = \$273,500 / 91 students
FY 2015: \$184,375 SGF + \$87,375 sponsor funding / 95 students
FY 2016: \$155,000 SGF + \$70,750 sponsor funding / 80 students
FY 2017: \$126,750 SGF; \$57,000 sponsors' funds (66 students)

With an average award of \$3,000 in FY 2018, the program is expected to serve 72 students in FY 2018.

FY 2018: \$335,765 SGF; \$57,000 sponsors' funds
FY 2019: \$217,255 SGF; \$57,000 sponsors' funds

It is too soon to assess the impact 2017 Senate Bill 100 has had on applicants to the program.

KANSAS HONORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 74-32,240)

This program offered tuition for high school students attending honors programs that were rotated among the Regents universities each summer. The program no longer exists; no activity has been recorded since 2003.