



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 19 state-funded student financial assistance programs for the State of Kansas totaling over \$48 million in scholarships for FY 2023.

Each of the state-funded programs is established by state law, several of which require annual reports to the Legislature and Governor. With the exception of the Kansas Promise Scholarship, which is detailed in a separate document, this report fulfills these statutory requirements, and also provides an overview of the student financial assistance programs administered by the Board of Regents.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

<i>Program</i>	<i>Eligible Applicants</i>	<i>Awards</i>	<i>Applicant to Recipient Ratio</i>	<i>Total Awards</i>	<i>Average Award</i>	<i>Max Award</i>
Undergraduate						
Kansas Comprehensive Grant All Institutions	20,598	9,971	2.1	\$24,258,338	\$2,433	Varies
Kansas State Scholarship	1,844	503	3.7	\$464,953	\$924	\$1,000
Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship	914	440	2.1	\$758,176	\$1,723	\$1,850
Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship	485	270	1.8	\$1,212,405	\$4,490	\$5,536
Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship	372	95	3.9	\$332,750	\$3,503	4500/RN; \$3500 LPN
Kansas Career Technical Workforce Grant	450	219	2.1	\$174,689	\$798	\$1,000
Kansas Career Work Study Program	233	233	1.0	\$392,391	\$1,684	Varies
ROTC	36	35	1.0	\$229,603	\$6,560	Varies
National Guard Educational Assistance Program	1,350	1,072	1.3	\$4,230,868	\$3,947	Varies
Military Service Scholarship	142	22	6.5	\$69,190	\$3,145	Varies
Tuition Waivers	13	13	1.0	\$112,930	\$8,687	Varies
Kansas Promise Act Scholarship	1,155	1,155	1.0	\$3,882,129	\$3,361	Varies
Governor's Scholars Program	N/A	20	N/A	\$20,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Graduate/Professional						
Kansas Osteopathic Service Scholarship	11	10	1.1	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Kansas Optometry Service Scholarship	32	28	1.1	\$139,000		Varies
Kansas Dental Program	18	18	1.0	\$0	NA	NA
Nurse Educator Scholarship	40	33	1.2	\$117,276	\$3,554	Varies
James B. Pearson Fellowship	0	0	0.0	\$0	\$0	Varies
Kansas Distinguished Scholarship	2	2	1.0	\$12,956		Varies

KANSAS COMPREHENSIVE GRANT (K.S.A. 74-32,120)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

In the 1998 Legislative 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 college ready 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 Kansas residents with financial need who want to enroll on a full-time basis at a Kansas baccalaureate granting institution.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

During the 2021-2022 academic year, the program provides for a maximum individual grant, for a student enrolled at a state educational institution or municipal university, of up to \$2,000 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. Each institution receives an annual allocation based upon the breadth and depth of financial need of eligible applicants. Institutions also receive an awarding flowchart from Regents' staff to ensure a student receives similar awarding consideration at all of the institutions. Institutions 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 available. Proviso language specific to the FY 2016 appropriation changed the distribution of funds between public and private universities for the year to require that not less than 60 percent of the total amount be awarded to independent and private colleges. Because of the higher award for those students, the number of students impacted was reduced.

FY 2022 saw a one-time \$8.0 million appropriation from the Legislature's effort to maintain state effort to ensure qualification for federal K-12 COVID funding. FY 2023 was enhanced by an additional \$19.0 million base increase, but which carries a \$1:\$1 match from the institutions.

	Awards	Students
FY 2014	\$16,185,423	9,821
FY 2015	\$16,283,907	10,059
FY 2016	\$15,758,338	8,069
FY 2017	\$15,758,338	8,999
FY 2018	\$15,758,338	8,770
FY 2019	\$15,758,338	9,200
FY 2020	\$16,658,338	9,545
FY 2021	\$16,258,338	8,731
FY 2022	\$24,258,338	9,971

FY 2023: \$35,258,338 + \$19,000,000 Institutions' Match. The number of students receiving awards in FY 2023 will be reported to the Board Office in Fall 2023.

NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (K.S.A. 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 and certain medical fields (mental health and substance abuse treatment).

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 FY 2017 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 FY 2018 to make the program more attractive.

Rural and small-approved facilities pay \$1,000 of the \$3,500 (LPN) or \$4,500 (RPN) annual scholarship, and urban facilities pay one-half. Students must be enrolled full-time 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 (SGF) and sponsors' funds.

	State General Fund	Sponsors' Funding	Awards	Students
FY 2014	\$186,500	\$87,000	\$273,500	91
FY 2015	\$184,375	\$87,375	\$271,750	95
FY 2016	\$155,000	\$70,750	\$225,750	80
FY 2017	\$126,750	\$57,000	\$183,750	66
FY 2018	\$126,750	\$57,750	\$184,500	59
FY 2019	\$190,250	\$83,750	\$274,000	84
FY 2020	\$259,125	\$143,000	\$402,125	110
FY 2021	\$258,125	\$132,375	\$390,500	109
FY 2022	\$210,750	\$122,000	\$332,750	95

With an average award of \$3,750, the program could serve about 134 students in FY 2023.

CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT (K.S.A. 74-32,423)

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, received a high school equivalency credential, or have graduated from a home school program or a non-accredited private secondary school. 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 institutions 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 computed as a fraction of 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.

	Awards	Students
FY 2014	\$295,200	361
FY 2015	\$313,615	366
FY 2016	\$179,650	207
FY 2017	\$93,650	107
FY 2018	\$123,800	147
FY 2019	\$174,850	208
FY 2020	\$126,650	138
FY 2021	\$138,650	160
FY 2022	\$174,689	219

The program has a base appropriation of \$114,075. In FY 2023 there is a carry-forward balance of \$24,392. With a projected maximum award of \$1,000, the program would assist 138 students in FY 2023. With the base appropriation projected next year, there will be approximately 114 awards in FY 2024.

KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (K.S.A. 74-32,233)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This program is designed to assist designated State Scholars with financial need who plan to be full-time students enrolled at an accredited Kansas 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.

	Awards	Students
FY 2014	\$991,601	928
FY 2015	\$937,446	933
FY 2016	\$870,456	800
FY 2017	\$928,528	678
FY 2018	\$807,846	770
FY 2019	\$770,578	989
FY 2020	\$972,713	735
FY 2021	\$701,463	682
FY 2022	\$464,953	503

The program has a base appropriation of \$1,010,919. In FY 2023 there is a carry-forward balance of \$306,863. With a projected maximum award of \$1,000, the program would assist 1,300 students in FY 2023. If only a base appropriation is received next year, there will be approximately 1,000 awards in FY 2024.

KANSAS CAREER WORK STUDY (K.S.A. 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 service expenditures.

	Awards	Students
FY 2014	\$496,813	340
FY 2015	\$496,813	379
FY 2016	\$498,332	364
FY 2017	\$446,813	294
FY 2018	\$496,813	276
FY 2019	\$528,174	327
FY 2020	\$528,174	332
FY 2021	\$528,174	234
FY 2022	\$565,452	233

The employer share will be approximately \$500,000. Only the state funds are noted on this page.

KANSAS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (K.S.A. 74-3282(d))

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This program was created to encourage Brasenose, Chevening, 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.

	Awards	Students
FY 2014	\$17,347	2
FY 2015	\$25,000	2
FY 2016	\$25,000	1
FY 2017	\$10,005	2
FY 2018	\$22,500	2
FY 2019	\$27,616	2
FY 2020	\$25,000	2
FY 2021	\$25,000	2
FY 2022	\$12,956	2

It is expected that 3 students will receive an award in FY 2023.

KANSAS ETHNIC MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP (K.S.A. 74-3284)

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This scholarship was created to increase the enrollment 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 Native American, Asian American, African-American and Hispanic scholars with financial need 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 score, 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 2014: \$441,006 / 260 students

FY 2015: \$439,082 / 246 students

FY 2016: \$481,247 / 274 students

FY 2017: \$446,993 / 254 students

FY 2018: \$500,225 / 281 students

FY 2019: \$584,232 / 336 students

FY 2020: \$755,831 / 424 students

FY 2021: \$808,377 / 463 students

FY 2022: \$758,176 / 440 students

FY 2023: \$770,257 (\$296,498 appropriation plus \$473,759 reappropriation)

KANSAS HONORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (K.S.A. 74-32,243)

This program offered tuition for high school students attending honors programs that were rotated among the Regents universities each summer. No activity has been recorded since 2003 as the program was suspended in the budget, although the statutes remain in place (K.S.A. 74-32,240 through 74-32,245).

Subsequently, the 2006 Legislature enacted SB 139 that established the Kansas Academy of Math & Science (KAMS) at Fort Hays State University. KAMS is Kansas' premier early college program designed to provide a STEM-focused academic experience for gifted & talented 11th & 12th grade students.

KAMS provides students with a residential early college experience and features a blend of:

- College-level instruction by Ph.D. faculty at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas;
- A high school diploma and over 60 hours of college credit;
- An opportunity to earn an Associate of General Studies (A.G.S.) in Science from FHSU;
- Hands-on research & travel experiences;
- Leadership development and civic engagement opportunities;
- Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities; and
- A safe residential environment that fosters learning.