

State of Kansas Scholarships and Grants 2024-2025



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Common Eligibility Criteria

Each scholarship has its own unique eligibility criteria and may be intended for a specific path of study. Please read the information carefully to determine if you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. In general, most scholarships share the following eligibility criteria:

- Recipients must be a resident of Kansas, living and working in the state for at least one year prior to enrolling in college.
 - Kansas residency is NOT required for the Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship and the National Guard Educational Assistance Program
- Recipients must enroll in a qualified program at a Kansas college or university. No funds will be awarded to students studying at a college based outside the state of Kansas.
 - Students attending Western Governor's University may receive the Adult Learner Grant
- Recipients must be working towards their first undergraduate degree.
 - This does not apply to the Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship or the Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship.

Summary of the Application Process

1. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.gov. Most of our scholarships require that a FAFSA be filed before funding will be awarded.
 - a. Your FAFSA information is used to determine eligibility for many scholarship programs. **Please make sure the student's Social Security Number on the FAFSA matches what is listed on their State of Kansas Student Aid Application.** If the SSN does not match, your Kansas aid application may be rejected.
 - b. The Kansas Board of Regents receives your FAFSA information directly from the Federal Department of Education, please do not submit your FAFSA to our office.
2. Apply for scholarships by creating an account at sfa.kansasregents.org.
 - a. If you prefer not to apply online, you may fill out the paper application (pages 3-5 of this brochure) as well as any additional forms pertaining to your scholarship, which are also found in this brochure.
 - i. The Kansas Promise Scholarship application must be completed online.
 - b. Please use a personal email account, or one that you will never lose access to, to create your account.
 - c. There is no application fee to apply for any scholarship; it is free to apply.
3. Send in any additional materials required (varies by scholarship) to the Kansas Board of Regents by the priority deadline listed for that scholarship. Application materials may be uploaded on the website using the "Upload Documents" button at the top of the webpage (sfa.kansasregents.org).
4. Please note the email address you've listed on your application and check it regularly. KBOR will contact you primarily at this email address. If your personal information changes during the application processing time, please notify KBOR of any changes to be made.

Please submit all application materials by the priority deadline listed for that scholarship.

Follow-Up

If you have questions about any of the scholarships described in this brochure, or would like to follow up to check the status of your application, please contact the Kansas Board of Regents Student Financial Aid department at (785) 430-4300, or by emailing scholars@ksbor.org.

2024-2025 STATE OF KANSAS STUDENT AID APPLICATION



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- **Apply online** at sfa.kansasregents.org **OR;**
- **Complete this form** (pages 3-5) in its entirety and mail to:
Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612-1368.
- **Some scholarships may require additional forms and documentation;** please read the instructions carefully for each scholarship program you wish to apply.

The application must be submitted by the deadline listed for the scholarship for which you're applying.

Student's Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____		Student's Date of Birth: ____/____/____	
Student's Last Name: _____		First Name: _____	MI: ____
Former/Maiden Name (if applicable): _____			
Street Address: _____		PO Box/Apt: _____	
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____	Email: _____
Cell Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____		Home Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____	
Which Kansas higher education institution you will attend in 2024-2025: _____			
Residency: Have you lived continuously in Kansas since birth? Yes _____ No _____ If no, indicate the month and year you began living continuously in Kansas: Month _____ Year _____			
High School Graduation Year: _____ Name of the Kansas High School you graduated from (N/A if you did not attend high school in Kansas): _____ OR, Year _____ Kansas State High School Diploma was issued upon successful completion of the GED® Test			
Race/Ethnic Group (only required for Teacher Service Scholarship applicants): _____ African American _____ American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ Caucasian/Other _____ Asian/Pacific Islander _____ Hispanic			
STUDENT AGREEMENT: (Please sign and date below) I certify that the information provided is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have read and understand the description and instructions for each program for which I am applying. I also understand that the information I have provided will be used to determine my eligibility for state-funded student financial aid. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form. Furthermore, if I am applying for the Promise Act Scholarship, Adult Learner Grant, Teacher Service Scholarship, Nursing Service Scholarship, or Kansas National Guard Education Assistance, I understand that there is a service obligation , and if I default on the obligation, the amount of the scholarship I received must be repaid with the interest.			
Signature: _____		Date: _____	

STATE OF KANSAS STUDENT AID APPLICATION (continued)

On the following pages, fill out the information for each scholarship program you wish to apply for. Please note, some scholarships require additional forms and documentation to be completed.

KANSAS CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT

_____ **NEW** _____ **RENEWAL** (You received funds last year.)

- ◆ ALL applicants must have their college financial aid office complete the **CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT VERIFICATION FORM** on page 10 of this brochure.

List the career technical program in which you are, or plan to be, enrolled in:

Have you been accepted for admission into this program? _____ Yes _____ No

What is the length of the program? ___ 9 Months ___ 12 Months ___ 18 Months ___ 24 Months

If other length, please specify: _____

When do you plan to complete your program of study (Month/Year)? _____

KANSAS MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

_____ **NEW** _____ **RENEWAL** (You received funds last year.)

- ◆ Applicant must have served overseas in any military operation after 9/11/2001 for which they received hostile fire pay.
- ◆ Must be attending a Kansas public institution of higher education (see listing at www.kansasregents.org)

Are you receiving GI Benefits for the current academic year? _____

If yes, which type benefits will you be receiving?

Ch 30 ___ Ch 35 ___ Ch 1606 ___ Post 9/11 ___

What percent will you receive? _____ %

Number of credit hours you plan to enroll in for Fall 2024: _____

Number of credit hours you plan to enroll in for Spring 2025: _____

Number of credit hours you have completed toward your undergraduate degree to date: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

KANSAS NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (Licensed Registered Nurses are not eligible.)

_____ **NEW** _____ **RENEWAL** (You received funds last year.)

- ◆ ALL Kansas Nursing applicants must secure sponsorship from a licensed healthcare or mental health treatment facility, submit a signed Sponsor Agreement, and complete the following items:

Nursing Degree: LPN _____ RN _____ Nursing Program Graduation Date (Month/Year): _____

Sponsor Name: _____ Sponsor City: _____

Is your sponsor considered a mental health treatment facility? _____

KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP

_____ **NEW or RENEWAL**

To be eligible to apply for the Kansas State Scholarship, in your senior year at a Kansas high school you would have received a letter stating that you were a **designated State Scholar by the Kansas Board of Regents**.

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

_____ **NEW** _____ **RENEWAL** (You received funds last year.)

◆ **ALL** applicants must complete the **TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FORM** on page 22.

New applicants must submit the following supporting materials:

1. an official copy of all collegiate transcripts;
2. at least one letter of recommendation on letterhead - academic, or employment-related;
3. a one-page personal statement essay of your academic and teaching goals, including your personal commitment to teaching in your discipline or underserved area; and
4. if a current teacher, a copy of your teaching certificate or licensure.

Renewal applicants only need to submit the form on page 22; no supporting materials are required.

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Air National Guard _____ Army National Guard _____ Rank: _____

Unit Name: _____ Unit City: _____

First date of enlistment (include month/day/year): _____

Expiration Term of Service (ETS) month/day/year: _____

Type of degree program enrolled in: Technical _____ Associate _____ Bachelor _____ Other _____

Are you requesting funds for Fall 2024? Yes _____ No _____

Institution attending: _____ Hours enrolled: _____

Are you requesting funds for Spring 2025? Yes _____ No _____

Institution attending: _____ Hours enrolled: _____

Have you applied for Federal Tuition Assistance? _____

Kansas Air or Army National Guard Student Agreement:

I hereby agree to adhere to all criteria set forth in Kansas law under K.S.A. 74-32, 146 through 74-32, 149 et.seq. and amendments thereto, in applying for and accepting educational assistance benefits as an eligible member of the Kansas National Guard and agree to serve for not less than 24 months upon the completion of the last semester for which educational assistance was received.

In addition, I agree to provide a transcript of credit hours earned, including the grades for credit hours, to my unit educational officer. I understand that to remain eligible to participate in this assistance program I must make satisfactory progress toward completion of degree requirements, maintain a grade point average of not less than 2.00 and maintain satisfactory participation in the Kansas National Guard.

Furthermore, I, the undersigned, certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the receipt of educational assistance is based on the availability of funds. I agree to reimburse the postsecondary institution for any amount not provided by the educational assistance program. If I withdraw from any program for which I am receiving assistance, I will pay the State of Kansas the total amount of assistance of which I have received for this semester.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and establishes the rights of students to review their education records. In accordance with FERPA my signature below indicates my consent to the release of my unofficial transcripts. I understand that this signature will authorize the release of the unofficial transcripts identified in this request to either myself or the third-party recipient(s) (institutions) identified in this request. This written consent is valid only for this academic year (2024-2025). A new completed form is required each academic year; this form is not maintained for future use.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

KANSAS ADULT LEARNER GRANT

This service obligation scholarship program was enacted to assist adult residents of Kansas in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree in certain high-demand fields. Students may study in-person or online at any four-year public university, independent college or university, or Washburn University; or any not-for-profit institution operating outside of Kansas which is nationally accredited and offers a qualifying online competency-based program (such as Western Governor's University). In exchange for receiving grant funding, the recipient agrees to graduate from their degree program within 48 months of accepting the grant and then commence living and working in the state of Kansas for two consecutive years.

Eligible applicants for the Kansas Adult Learner Grant must:

- Be a Kansas resident
- Be 25 years of age or older by the start of the first grant-funded college course
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Enroll as a part-time or full-time student at an eligible post-secondary institution in a program that is eligible for Adult Learner Grant funding.
 - Must enroll in at least 6 credit hours per semester to be considered part-time.

Though this grant is not need-based, there are income limitations for recipients:

- \$100,000 or less Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for a family of two;
- \$150,000 or less AGI for a family of three;
- \$150,000 plus \$4,800 per additional family member beyond three

Qualifying Degree Programs

Only certain bachelor's degree programs qualify for Adult Learner Grant funding. Eligible programs must align with the following fields:

- Information technology and security
- Health care and nursing
- Science, engineering, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing
- Education, early childhood and development
- Business, accounting, or data analytics
- One additional field designated by the postsecondary institution
 - Program must correspond to a high demand, high wage, or critical need occupation

For a current list of eligible programs, please visit our website:

kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants

Eligible Institutions for Kansas Adult Learner Grant

The Adult Learner Grant may be used at any public or independent college or university in Kansas that offers a baccalaureate program in the designated fields of study. Washburn University is included. Additionally, the grant may be utilized at any accredited not-for-profit college not operating in the state of Kansas, but which offers an online baccalaureate program and offers competency-based programs. Currently, this only includes online programs through Western Governor's University.

For a current list of colleges and universities that have Adult Learner Grant programs, please visit our website: kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants

Award Amounts

- \$3,000 per semester for a full-time student (enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester)
- \$1,500 per semester for a part-time student (enrolled in 6 – 11 credit hours per semester)
- Students taking less than 6 credit hours per semester will not qualify for funding.

KANSAS ADULT LEARNER GRANT

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The grant will go towards paying the recipient's tuition, fees, books, and required materials. It is not for housing, transportation, or other cost of attendance expenses. If the recipient has other grants and scholarships which cover the cost of tuition, fees, and materials in a semester, the Adult Learner Grant funding will be returned to the state.

Service Obligation/Scholarship Agreement

The service agreement for this grant requires that you sign a legally binding promissory note with the state of Kansas in which you agree to the following:

- You will complete your bachelor's program within 48 months from the date you first begin receiving the grant.
- Upon completion of your program, you must reside and work in the state of Kansas for two consecutive years.
 - Employment must begin within six months of completing your program.
 - Your service requirement may be deferred if you are continuing your education at an institution in Kansas and are enrolled in at least six hours each semester. In this case, your two-year live and work requirement would begin after completing the degree or ceasing enrollment.
 - Your service requirement will be considered fulfilled if you commence service in the military at any time after receiving the Adult Learner Grant.
- Failure to complete your program or to live and work in Kansas for two years will result in having to repay the amount of the funding you received plus interest. The interest rate is that of the current rate for the Federal PLUS Loan at the time you are awarded the scholarship; currently that interest rate is 8.05%.

The Kansas Board of Regents will send paperwork on an annual, or semi-annual, basis to confirm your compliance with the terms of the scholarship agreement. Communication will be sent to the email address we have on file for you.

Applicant Instructions

To apply for the Kansas Adult Learner Grant, you must:

- Complete the Kansas Adult Learner Grant application online at sfa.kansasregents.org
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov
- Enroll in an eligible degree program at your approved institution
 - Student must be enrolled in 6-12 credit hours or more each semester

Semester deadlines will be listed at kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants

To continue to receive Adult Learner Grant funds throughout your degree program, you must remain under the household income threshold, maintain satisfactory academic progress, maintain at least a 2.0 GPA, complete the grant renewal application each school year, and complete the FAFSA for the academic year of the renewal grant. You will not receive the grant more than 48 months after receiving the first grant or after it is reported that you have graduated, whichever comes first.

Please note: Scholarship awards will be made after the deadline passes each semester and funding will be sent to your college sometime after that. Funds may not be disbursed in time for your tuition due date, but your college will reimburse you after the scholarship is applied.

KANSAS CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT

The purpose of this 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.

Grants are awarded to students who are Kansas residents and:

1. graduated from a Kansas high school accredited by the Kansas State Board of Education; **or**
2. obtained a Kansas State High School Diploma issued upon successful completion of the GED® Test; **or**
3. graduated from a Kansas home school program or a Kansas non-accredited private secondary school as defined and authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 72-53, 100 et.seq; **and**
4. are enrolled in or accepted for admission to an eligible career technical education program*.

*See the list on page 9 for eligible programs operated by a designated Kansas higher educational institution identified as offering a technical certificate or associate of applied science degree program in a high cost, high demand and 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.**

- ◆ Preference is given to applicants with financial need as measured by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Kansas Career Technical Workforce Grant instructions for NEW or RENEWAL applicants:

- Complete and submit the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov.
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application either online at sfa.kansasregents.org; **OR** Complete the paper version (pages 3-5) and mail to KBOR, Student Financial Aid, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612.
- ❖ **All applicants must submit the Career Technical Workforce Grant Verification Form** completed by an official at their higher educational institution. (See page 10 for the form)

Award Amounts are as follows:

- Maximum award is **\$1,000 per year** for full-time students (12 or more hours, \$500 per semester).
- 7-11 hours the award is **\$800 per year** (\$400 per semester)
- 3-6 hours the award is **\$500 per year** (\$250 per semester)
- ◆ Funding for the program is subject to the availability of resources designated by the Kansas Legislature.
- ◆ Awards are **renewable each school year**, contingent upon the recipient maintaining:
 - a) satisfactory academic progress;
 - b) continuous enrollment in a high demand, critical industry field;
 - c) submission of a renewal application; and
 - d) the availability of funding.

The priority deadline for applications is May 1 each year.

KANSAS CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT VERIFICATION FORM 2024-2025



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Student's Last Name _____	First Name _____	Middle Initial _____
Date of Birth ____ / ____ / _____ Student's Email Address _____		

Verification sections below must be completed by the institution's Financial Aid Office

Please complete and return to: Kansas Board of Regents, SFA, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612

Does the student have a FAFSA on file? _____	
Did the student receive a Kansas high school diploma or a Kansas State High School Diploma issued upon successful completion of the GED® Test? _____	
Is the student considered a Kansas resident at your institution? _____	
Is the student in student loan default? _____ Does the student owe money to the USDE for a Pell overpayment? _____	
◆ Please identify the student's technical certificate or AAS program of study _____	
◆ And the corresponding CIP Code _____	
Is student enrolled in one of the eligible approved programs for the Career Technical Workforce Grant? Yes ____ No ____	
In what semester will/did the student's program of study begin? Fall _____ Spring _____	
Number of hours enrolled for Fall 2024 semester: _____ Number of hours enrolled for Spring 2025 semester: _____	

NEED ANALYSIS for 2024-2025

PELL _____ SEOG _____ Stafford Loan _____ Perkins Loan _____ Federal Work Study _____ Institutional Scholarships _____ Third-Party Scholarships _____ Other Aid _____ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 10px;">TOTAL AID</div>	COA _____ EFC _____ (-) TOTAL AID _____ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 10px;">Unmet Need (=)</div> Is the student in good standing? Yes ____ No ____
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SFA Signature _____	Date _____
Print Name _____	Phone _____
Institution _____	

KANSAS COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Computer Science Educator Scholarship provides a one-time \$1,000 award for licensed K-12 teachers enrolled in college courses for additional college credit, or preservice K-12 teachers enrolled in college courses leading to licensure as a teacher. This scholarship program was enacted to encourage and enable educators to teach computer sciences courses at the K-12 level.

Priority consideration is given to individuals who are from underrepresented socioeconomic demographic groups, or those who plan to teach computer science in a rural school or a school with a higher percentage of students from underrepresented socioeconomic demographics. We confirm socioeconomic status for the applicant through education, income and family size information reported on the FAFSA. We confirm rural schools and schools with higher percentages of underrepresented groups through records from the Kansas Department of Education.

Though it is not required, for priority consideration applicants must be able to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Recipients may only receive this scholarship one time—it is not renewable and cannot be received for each computer science class taken. Once you have been awarded the \$1,000 scholarship, you are not eligible to receive it again for any future classes or degrees you may pursue.

To be eligible for the Computer Science Educator Scholarship, you must:

- Be a permanent resident of the state of Kansas;
- Be a **licensed** K-12 teacher enrolled in college courses for continuing education credit; **OR**, be a **preservice** K-12 teacher enrolled in college courses leading to licensure as a teacher
- Attend a college or university in the state of Kansas (includes state institutions, community colleges, or not-for-profit institutions);
- Enroll in a computer science course during the semester you are applying for the scholarship
 - Approved computer science courses include those that focus on curriculum and instruction strategies for teaching computer science courses. Also included are courses that study computers and algorithmic processes, including principles, hardware and software design, implementation, and impact on society.

To apply for the Computer Science Educator Scholarship:

- Complete the application online at sfa.kansasregents.org
- (Optional) File the FAFSA at studentaid.gov
- Enroll in an eligible computer science course at your institution

Application deadlines for the 2024-2025 school year vary by semester:

- Fall 2024 – Deadline: **September 1, 2024**
- Spring 2024 – Deadline: **February 1, 2025**
- Summer 2024 – Deadline: **June 1, 2025**

Please note: Scholarship awards will be made after the deadline passes each semester and funding will be sent to your college sometime after that. Funds will not be disbursed in time for your tuition due date, but your college will reimburse you after the scholarship is applied.

KANSAS MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates who served in any overseas military operation after 9/11/2001 for which they received hostile fire pay are eligible to submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application with a copy of their DD-214 form or active duty orders. If the applicant is currently enlisted in the Kansas National Guard, please apply for the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Program (see information on page 15).

Program Description

The Kansas Military Service Scholarship is available for the payment of tuition and fees at any of the following Kansas public higher educational institutions: the six state universities, Washburn University, community colleges and technical colleges for students who are a resident of Kansas and:

- Served after September 11, 2001, in military service in international waters or on foreign soil in support of military operations for at least 90 days or less than 90 days because of injuries received during such military service;
- Received an honorable discharge or under honorable conditions (general) discharge from military service or is still in military service and;
- Submits a DD-214 form or active duty orders, which indicates the location of the person's deployment and specifies the person has served after September 11, 2001, in any military operation for which they received hostile fire pay.

Because financial need is a priority in awarding this scholarship, students must file a FAFSA. Priority in awarding is given to those students with the greatest financial need. **Graduate students are not eligible for this scholarship.**

Kansas Military Service Scholarship New and Renewal Applicant Instructions:

- Complete and submit the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov.
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application either online at sfa.kansasregents.org; **OR** Complete the paper version (pages 3-5) and mail to KBOR, Student Financial Aid, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612.
- ❖ **NEW Applicants must submit your DD-214** to KBOR using the Upload Documents button on the online application (sfa.kansasregents.org). Alternatively, you may send by email to scholars@ksbor.org.

Recipients of this scholarship must:

- ✓ Be a Kansas resident;
- ✓ remain in good academic standing at the Kansas public higher educational institution where they are enrolled;
- ✓ make satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of the educational program in which they are enrolled (scholarship cannot be awarded beyond the first bachelor's degree); and
- ✓ enroll in a minimum of 6 hours each semester (recipients can be part-time or full-time)

Eligible students may be awarded a scholarship for no more than four academic years of undergraduate study (five years if enrolled in a designated five-year program). Funding for this scholarship is subject to state appropriations.

- ◆ **Renewals** are students who received this scholarship the prior year; the student must complete/submit the FAFSA and the State of Kansas Student Aid Application for each year of funding.

Applications are processed in order of application date and greatest financial need until all funding is awarded.

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This assistance program is available to students enrolled full-time or part-time at accredited independent colleges and universities located in Kansas and Kansas public higher educational institutions: the six state universities, Washburn University, community and technical colleges. Recipients must be a member of the Kansas Air/Army National Guard.

Program Description

This program provides a **percentage of tuition and fees** up to a maximum rate charged by state educational institutions for enrollment. The percentage is determined by the number of eligible students and available appropriations. Students may be pursuing a certificate, diploma or degree program and must be current members of a Kansas Air/Army National Guard unit. Full-time enrollment is not required.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a current member of the Kansas National Guard in good standing
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Must be enrolled at a Kansas educational institution and working on first bachelor's degree
- Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA
- Must apply for Federal Tuition Assistance, if applicable
- Must submit transcript to National Guard unit at the end of each semester
- ◆ **Service obligation (included in the Student Agreement): upon completion of last semester of tuition assistance, member will serve an additional 24 months in the Kansas National Guard or will be required to repay the amount of the scholarship received.**

Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Applicant Instructions:

- Complete and submit the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov.
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application either online at sfa.kansasregents.org; **OR** Complete the paper version (pages 3-5) and mail to KBOR, Student Financial Aid, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612.

Award Amount

The award amount is a variable subject to several factors including the:

- funds available (as designated by the Kansas Legislature);
- number of eligible applicants; and
- the student's federal tuition assistance.

Recipients of this scholarship must:

- ✓ remain in good standing at the Kansas educational institution where they are enrolled; and
- ✓ make satisfactory progress toward the completion of the requirements of the educational program in which they are enrolled.
- ◆ **If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation, they are responsible for repaying the State of Kansas the amount of the scholarship that they received.**

Semester deadlines are listed at kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants

KANSAS NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship is designed to encourage enrollment in LPN or RN nursing programs for students committed to practicing in Kansas. Recipients sign a promissory note with the State of Kansas to practice nursing at a specific facility (sponsor) one year for each year of scholarship support. The sponsor provides partial scholarship funding and employment upon licensure of the recipient and the State of Kansas funds the balance, unless the sponsor is a mental health treatment facility as they do not provide a share of the scholarship assistance.

- ◆ The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship program accepts applicants with degrees, but who **have not received** RN licensure.

Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship NEW or RENEWAL application instructions:

- Must be accepted to a Kansas nursing program (pre-nursing will not be funded);
- Secure commitment by an eligible sponsor* licensed by the state to fund up to half of the scholarship (unless they are a mental health treatment facility) and provide full-time employment to the recipient after licensure;
- File the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov;
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application either online at sfa.kansasregents.org; **OR** Complete the paper version (pages 3-5) and mail to KBOR, Student Financial Aid, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612.
- Student must be enrolled in 12 credit hours or more each semester.
 - ❖ **New recipients must sign an agreement/promissory note with the State of Kansas AND**
 - ❖ **Sign a sponsor agreement with an eligible sponsor*.**

Financial need is considered if there are more applicants than available funding.

*An eligible sponsor is any adult care home, psychiatric hospital, mental health or treatment facility, medical care facility, home health agency, local health department or any state agency which employs LPNs or RNs and is licensed by the State of Kansas. Preference in awarding is given to a mental health treatment facility. Mental health treatment facilities do not share the cost of the scholarship assistance.

Renewal applicants are students who received this scholarship the prior year.

Award Amounts

- Recipients enrolled full-time in a Licensed Practical Nurse program are eligible for **\$3,500** each school year.
- Recipients enrolled full-time in a Registered Nurse program are eligible for **\$4,500** each school year.

Sponsors pay from \$1,000 up to one-half of the scholarship (unless they are a mental health treatment facility) and the State of Kansas pays the remaining amount. Each scholarship amount is divided — one half awarded in the fall semester (LPN \$1,750; RN \$2,250) and the second half awarded in the spring semester.

RECIPIENT SERVICE OBLIGATION:

Scholarship recipients work for the sponsor who provided a portion of the funds. The service obligation to Kansas is one year of working full-time for the sponsor for each year of scholarship support.

- ❖ If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation to the state, they will be subject to repaying the state portion of the scholarship they received plus accrued interest at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time the agreement was first entered into plus five percentage points (currently that interest rate is 13.05%).

KANSAS PROMISE ACT SCHOLARSHIP

The Kansas Promise Act Scholarship was enacted to assist students receiving an associate degree or certificate in certain high wage, critical need occupations in Kansas. This service scholarship is available for students attending two-year community and technical colleges, or certain four-year institutions that offer two-year degrees, in the state of Kansas. In exchange for the scholarship, students agree to graduate from their program within 36 months and commence living and working in the state of Kansas for two consecutive years.

**To apply for the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship, you must submit an online application at:
sfa.kansasregents.org**

Who is eligible to receive this scholarship?

- Kansas residents who graduated from high school (or obtained a GED®) within the past 12 months; **OR**
- Individuals who have been a Kansas resident for the preceding three consecutive years; **OR**
- Any dependent child of a military service member who is permanently stationed in another state who graduated from an out-of-state high school within the preceding 12 months; **OR**
- Individuals who were in the custody of the KS Dept of Children and Families at any time during grades 9-12.
- **U.S. citizenship is required for all recipients of the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship**

There are also income limits for this scholarship. To be eligible, students must have a family household income of:

- \$100,000 or less for a family of one or two;
- \$150,000 or less for a family of three; and
- \$150,000 + \$4,800 per additional family member beyond three.

What degree programs are eligible for the Promise Scholarship?

Eligible programs must fall into one of the following categories:

- Information Technology and Security
- Mental and Physical Healthcare
- Advanced Manufacturing and Building Trades
- Early Childhood Education and Development
- Each institution may designate one additional two-year program/certificate that corresponds to a high wage, high demand or critical need occupation in the region. This designated program must be approved by the Kansas Board of Regents and relate to the following areas:
 - Agriculture
 - Food and natural resources
 - Education and training
 - Law, public safety, corrections, and security
 - Distribution and logistics

For a current list of eligible programs at your institution, visit our website:
kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/promise-act-scholarship

Which institutions provide the Promise Scholarship to students?

Kansas institutions must have at least one existing Promise-eligible program to be considered eligible. This includes:

- Public community colleges
- Public technical colleges
- Washburn Institute of Technology
- Private, not-for-profit institutions that offer eligible programs
 - Please note, four-year colleges are **not** eligible for Promise unless they offer an associate's degree program in a qualifying field.

For a complete list of institutions that provide the Kansas Promise Scholarship, visit our website:
kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/promise-act-scholarship

KANSAS PROMISE ACT SCHOLARSHIP

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What is the award amount for the Promise Scholarship?

The Kansas Promise Scholarship may pay the aggregate amount of tuition, fees, books, and required materials for your degree program. The scholarship amount is to be calculated after all other financial aid, grants, and scholarships (which do not require repayment) are issued. Your institution will determine your award amount based on the cost of your degree/certificate program, information from your FAFSA, and any other financial aid that you may be receiving.

Students may receive up to \$20,000 or a total of 68 credit hours paid for, whichever occurs first. These are lifetime limits, meaning you cannot receive Promise Scholarship funding beyond those amounts even if you have not completed your degree, or you choose to begin a new degree.

Do I have to be a full-time student in order to receive the Promise Scholarship?

No, full-time enrollment is not required. Recipients of the Promise Scholarship may enroll on a part-time basis, but must take at least 6 credit hours for one semester out of the year (fall, spring, or summer). Once you have taken 6 credit hours in a single semester, you may take fewer hours for the remaining semesters that school year. **It is important to remember that you must complete your degree program within 36 months from the date you begin receiving the Promise Scholarship.**

What is the service agreement for the Promise Scholarship?

The service agreement for this scholarship requires that you sign a legally binding promissory note with the state of Kansas in which you agree to the following:

- You will complete your program within 36 months from the date you first begin receiving the scholarship.
- Upon completion of your program, you must reside and work in the state of Kansas for two consecutive years.
 - Employment must begin within six months of completing your program.
 - Your service requirement may be deferred if you are continuing your education at an institution in Kansas and are enrolled in at least six hours each semester. In this case, your two-year live and work requirement would begin after completing the degree or ceasing enrollment.
 - Your service requirement will be considered fulfilled if you commence service in the military at any time after receiving a promise scholarship award.
- Failure to complete your program or to live and work in Kansas for two years will result in having to repay the amount of the scholarship you received plus interest. The interest rate is that of the current rate for the Federal PLUS Loan at the time you are awarded the scholarship; currently that interest rate is 8.05%.

The Kansas Board of Regents will send paperwork on an annual, or semi-annual, basis to confirm your compliance with the terms of the scholarship agreement. Communication will be sent to the email address we have on file for you.

How do I apply for the Promise Scholarship?

To apply for the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship, you must:

- Complete the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship application online at sfa.kansasregents.org
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov
- Enroll in an eligible degree or certificate program at your institution
- Semester deadlines are listed at kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/promise-act-scholarship. However, awards are made on a first come, first served basis until all available funding has been awarded.

If your degree program continues beyond one year of study, you may renew the Promise Scholarship as long as you have not reached your \$20,000 funding limit or 68 hours of studies paid for. Your Promise Scholarship will automatically renew each school year until your institution reports that you have graduated, or until you have reached your \$20,000 or 68 credit hour limit. If you do not wish to renew the scholarship, please notify the Kansas Board of Regents by emailing scholars@ksbor.org.

KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible to apply for the Kansas State Scholarship, in your senior year of a Kansas high school you would have:

- 1) received a certificate from the Kansas Board of Regents stating that you completed the Kansas Scholars Curriculum **AND**
- 2) received a letter stating that you were **designated as a Kansas State Scholar** by the Kansas Board of Regents.

Designation is based on an index, which mathematically combines the student's ACT composite score and seventh semester GPA. All applicants must complete the FAFSA and State of Kansas Student Aid Application each year. The number of State Scholar designees is dependent on state funding levels.

Awards are based on financial need and/or other outside scholarships received.

It is the responsibility of the student to reapply for funding each school year.

Kansas State Scholarship application instructions:

- File the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov.
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application either online at sfa.kansasregents.org; **OR** Complete the paper version (pages 3-5) and mail to KBOR, Student Financial Aid, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612.
- **The priority deadline to apply for the State Scholarship is August 1**, but applications will be accepted beyond that date as funding allows.

Award Amount

Designated State Scholars may receive up to **\$1,000 annually (\$500/semester)** based on financial need as measured by the Federal Methodology using data submitted on the FAFSA and the availability of state funds. Scholars may renew this award to receive funds for four undergraduate years (five years if enrolled in a designated five-year program). Scholars who are not financially eligible for funding this year may be eligible in a following year and should apply for the scholarship **each school year** to officially learn of eligibility.

State Scholar Designation Process:

To be considered in the pool to be selected as Kansas State Scholar, high school students must:

- 1) Take the ACT Assessment by December of your senior year;
- 2) Complete the Kansas Scholars Curriculum (KSC);
 - a. Your high school counselor or registrar should automatically report your information to the Kansas Board of Regents if you've completed the KSC. This is typically done in February-April of your senior year of high school.
- 3) Graduate high school during the 2023-2024 academic year; and
- 4) Be **designated** as a Kansas State Scholar by the Kansas Board of Regents.
 - a. Out of the approximately 5,000 high school seniors who complete the Kansas Scholars Curriculum each year, only the top 1/2 (roughly 2,500 students) are designated as Kansas State Scholars.

❖ *The academic profile of 2023 State Scholars included an average ACT of 28 and an average GPA of 3.92.*

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

This **service obligation scholarship program** provides financial assistance to students pursuing bachelor's or master's degree programs as well as currently licensed teachers pursuing new endorsements in hard-to-fill disciplines or master's degrees in hard-to-fill disciplines or either group planning to teach (K-12) in an underserved geographic area in Kansas. To fulfill the service obligation, recipients need to complete one year of teaching for each year of scholarship funding received. Teaching service is not counted until the recipient has completed the degree program for which they were awarded funding.

The Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship was enacted to support the need for licensed and fully endorsed teachers in the hard-to-fill disciplines and underserved geographic areas in the state of Kansas.

Applicants must be a resident of the state of Kansas, attending a Kansas higher educational institution, **AND**

- a.) Enrolled in a program leading to licensure as a teacher in an identified hard-to-fill discipline* or underserved geographic area** in Kansas; **OR**
- b.) Currently licensed as a teacher and enrolled in a program leading to a new endorsement in one of the hard-to-fill disciplines* or teach in one of the underserved geographic areas** in Kansas; **OR**
- c.) Currently licensed teachers enrolled in a program leading to a master's degree in an identified hard-to-fill discipline* or underserved geographic area** (**This scholarship is not a resource for Counseling, Administration, or Library/Media Science degrees**);

***Identified hard-to-fill disciplines for 2024-2025 are: Elementary Education, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Special Education.**

****Underserved Geographic Areas are: USD 501 Topeka; USD 500 Kansas City, KS; USD 259 Wichita, and Kansas State Board of Education Districts 5, 7, and 9 (<https://www.ksde.org/Board>).**

Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship NEW applicants must:

- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application either online at sfa.kansasregents.org; **OR**, submit the paper version (pages 3-5), along with the Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship Form (page 20). Priority Deadline is June 1; however, applications will be accepted past that if funding allows.
- Submit official college transcripts from all schools where you've completed coursework. †
- Submit at least one letter of recommendation, on letterhead, academic or employment related.
- Submit a one-page personal statement essay regarding your academic and teaching goals, including your personal commitment to teaching in your hard-to-fill discipline or underserved area.
- If a current teacher, submit a copy of your teaching certificate or licensure.

† *High school transcripts are not accepted. If you have graduate school hours, include a transcript of your graduate work to date in addition to your undergraduate transcript(s).*

RENEWAL applicants must complete the State of Kansas Student Aid Application each school year. Renewals do NOT submit new transcripts and other materials annually. The priority deadline is June 1.

All supporting materials should be uploaded through the application website (sfa.kansasregents.org) using the "Upload Documents" button at the top of the Scholarships screen.

Alternatively, you may email your materials to scholars@ksbor.org.

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (cont.)

RECIPIENTS:

Priority in awarding goes to junior and senior level college students seeking licensure as a teacher. Funds are rarely available for freshman or sophomore students. This is a merit-based scholarship and your cumulative college GPA factors largely into the awarding decision. The average GPA of past recipients has been 3.50. Recipients may be enrolled either full-time or part-time at a minimum of three credit hours per semester.

Recipients are eligible to receive funding for **up to ten semesters**, which includes a combination of both undergraduate and graduate work and must continue to maintain satisfactory academic progress. Additional documentation may be required for the scholarship to transition from an undergraduate to graduate program. The number of recipients is dependent on state funding levels.

- ◆ **Renewals** are prior year recipients and must submit the Teacher Service Scholarship application *each school year* to receive funding. Renewals are given top funding priority.
- ◆ If you are renewing the scholarship and will be transitioning from undergraduate to a graduate degree program, you are required to contact KBOR regarding your graduate degree. Additional materials may be required.

AWARD AMOUNTS:

Recipients may be eligible for up to **\$6,504** per academic year (**\$3,252 per semester**). The funding amount is based on the number of credit hours taken per semester and is a set amount as follows:

12 + hours	- \$3,252 per semester
9 – 11 hours	- \$2,605 per semester
6 – 8 hours	- \$1,951 per semester
3 – 5 hours	- \$1,301 per semester

SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENT:

Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship recipients will **sign an agreement/promissory note with the State of Kansas** in which they will agree to:

- Complete the required course of instruction leading to licensure and full endorsement in a field of education as a teacher in the selected hard-to-fill teaching discipline or in an underserved geographic area in the State of Kansas (i.e., graduate from your education degree program);
- Obtain and maintain necessary licensure and endorsement as specified in the scholarship agreement;
- Engage in teaching in the hard-to-fill discipline or in an underserved geographic area in the State of Kansas within six months of licensure in a state-accredited public or private school (K-12) on a full-time basis for a period equal to the time scholarship was awarded or commence teaching on a part-time basis for a period that is equivalent to full-time, multiplied by the length of the course of instruction for which the scholarship was awarded.

Please Note: Fulfillment of your teaching obligation begins **AFTER** completion of your degree program.

- ❖ If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation, they will be subject to repaying the amount of the scholarship they received plus interest. The interest rate is the same as that of the federal PLUS program at the time the agreement was first entered into, plus five percentage points (currently the interest rate is 13.05%).

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FORM

New Applicants must complete the following steps to apply for the Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship:

1. Complete the State of Kansas Student Aid Application online at sfa.kansasregents.org. OR, complete the paper application (pages 3-5 of this brochure) and this Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship Form and mail in to KBOR.
2. Submit all official academic transcripts.*
3. Submit at least one letter of recommendation on letterhead; academic or employment related.
4. Submit a one-page personal statement essay regarding your academic and teaching goals, including your personal commitment to teaching in your hard-to-fill discipline or underserved area.
5. If a current teacher, submit a copy of your teaching certificate or licensure.

**High school transcripts are not accepted. Send official transcripts from all colleges where you have completed coursework. If you have graduate school hours, include a transcript of your graduate work to date in addition to your undergraduate transcript(s).*

- ◆ **Renewal** applicants must complete the State of Kansas Student Aid Application. Priority deadline to renew is June 1.
 - ◆ If you are moving from an undergraduate to a graduate program, you are required to contact KBOR regarding your graduate degree. Additional application documents may be required.

All supporting materials should be uploaded through the application website (sfa.kansasregents.org) using the “Upload Documents” button at the top of the Scholarships screen.

Alternatively, you may email your materials to scholars@ksbor.org.

1. TEACHING DISCIPLINE: Select the discipline you are going to teach after completion of your studies; or, select teach in an underserved area if that is your plan. MAKE ONLY ONE SELECTION—this is what you’ll be obligated to teach upon graduating.

- Elementary Education
- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Special Education

Teach in one of the underserved geographic areas in the State of Kansas as listed below:

*USD 501 Topeka; USD 500 Kansas City, KS; USD 259 Wichita;
or the State Board of Education Districts 5, 7, & 9 (<https://www.ksde.org/Board>).*

2. COMPLETED COLLEGE CREDIT:

Name of Undergraduate College: _____

City & State: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Number of hours you have completed toward your undergraduate degree to date: _____

Name of Graduate College: _____

City & State: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Number of hours you have completed towards your graduate degree to date: _____

3. CURRENT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT:

For the upcoming school year, will you be an Undergraduate student _____ or Graduate student _____

Name of college/university you will attend in 2024-2025: _____

Number of hours you will enroll for Fall 2024: _____ Number of hours you will enroll for Spring 2025: _____

What is your degree path/major? _____

What subject(s) are you seeking licensure or full endorsement: _____

4. TEACHING STATUS:

Are you currently licensed to teach in the State of Kansas? Yes ___ No ___ (If Yes, please submit a copy of your license.)

If yes, what subject(s) are you currently licensed to teach? _____

Current Employer: _____ City/State: _____

OTHER SOURCES OF STATE FUNDED AID
(These do not require completion of the state application.)

KANSAS COMPREHENSIVE GRANT

The Kansas Comprehensive Grant is available to Kansas residents enrolled full-time at twenty independent colleges and universities in Kansas, the six public universities, and Washburn University. **To be considered you must file the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov.** (Please contact the financial aid office at the Kansas post-secondary institution of your choice for the specifics and to find out that school's FAFSA priority deadline and FAFSA code.)

The funding level allows about 1 in 3 eligible students to be assisted with award amounts ranging from \$200-\$10,000 at the private institutions and \$100-\$4,000 at the public institutions. The grant is based on financial need according to federal methodology. Renewal students must be making satisfactory academic progress using institutional standards, and have not already received eight semesters (ten, if enrolled in a designated five-year program) of grant funding.

Funds are allocated to the participating institution, and Kansas Comprehensive Grant recipients are identified by the post-secondary institution, with the FAFSA information driving who are the recipients and the award amounts.

By filing the FAFSA and accepting admission to a qualifying college or university in Kansas, you will automatically be considered for Kansas Comprehensive Grant funding. No state application is required.

KANSAS CAREER WORK STUDY

The Kansas Career Work Study program is available to eligible Kansas residents who are enrolled at least half-time at the six public universities and Washburn University. Eligible students work on a part-time basis on behalf of an employer which complements and enhances the educational preparation of the student's career. Employers are any private business, not-for-profit organization, or public agency with a place of business in Kansas which will pay compensation to an eligible student for services performed on a part-time basis as directed by the employer.

Recipients of this program must be "in need of earnings from employment". The total earnings of each eligible student participating in the program shall not exceed the total cost of attendance at an eligible institution, or the amount of established financial need on the part of the eligible student, whichever is less. For more information regarding eligibility and application procedures contact the student financial aid offices at the six state universities and Washburn University.

KANSAS ROTC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Student agrees to accept a commission as a Second Lieutenant and serve for not less than four years as a commissioned officer in the Kansas Army National Guard. This program is only available at Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas, Wichita State University, and Washburn University. Contact the ROTC program at one of the participating schools for more information.

The scholarship shall provide to the student an amount not to exceed 70 percent of the cost of attendance at the institution for an academic year. If a student drops out of the program they will be placed in repayment, over a five-year period, for the amount of scholarship assistance they received plus the interest accrued from origination.

KANSAS HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Kansas Hero's Scholarship Act provides an opportunity for eligible dependents and spouses of certain deceased/disabled public safety officers and military personnel to attend an eligible Kansas postsecondary educational institution without payment of tuition and required fees. More information and the application for this program is on our website: kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants

OTHER SOURCES OF STATE FUNDED AID
(These do not require completion of the state application.)

NURSE EDUCATOR SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship allocates funding to award graduate level nursing students who agree to teach in a nurse education program one year for each year of assistance. Applicants must complete an application available at the following institutions which are eligible to participate: Baker University, Fort Hays State University, Mid America Nazarene College, Pittsburg State University, Tabor College, St. Mary's University, University of Kansas Medical Center, Washburn University and Wichita State University.

KANSAS OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Designed to encourage service in rural areas of Kansas. Recipients receive up to \$25,000 per year for up to four years of study at nationally accredited Osteopathic schools. Preference goes to first year students. Recipients serve one year of practice for each year of assistance. Applicants must complete an application and the FAFSA. Priority deadline: May 1. Application is available at kansasregents.org.

KANSAS OPTOMETRY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Designed to encourage optometrists to establish a Kansas practice. Kansas helps pay the difference between resident and non-resident tuition at eligible out-of-state institutions. Generally, recipients must serve one year of practice for each year of assistance. Priority deadline: May 1. Application is available at kansasregents.org.

KANSAS DENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

Designed to encourage dentists to establish a Kansas practice. Kansas helps pay the difference between resident and non-resident tuition at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Applications are available from UM-KC. Deadline: Rolling.

JAMES B. PEARSON FELLOWSHIP

Established by former Kansas Senator James B. Pearson to encourage graduate students from Kansas public universities to experience the global perspective gained from study abroad. Preference is given to applicants whose studies are directly related to foreign affairs. Stipends average \$3,000. Applications are available from graduate school offices on campus. Deadline: Early April.

KANSAS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Created to encourage Brasenose, Chevening, Fulbright, Madison, Marshall, Mellon, Rhodes, and Truman scholars from Kansas to continue graduate studies at Kansas public universities. Kansas reimburses tuition and fees to recipients' subject to funding constraints. Contact the Kansas Board of Regents for more information.

FOSTER CHILD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance Program provides tuition waivers to students who are or have been in foster care. This program is administered by the Kansas Department of Children and Families

Please see kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid for more information.

Federal Student Aid

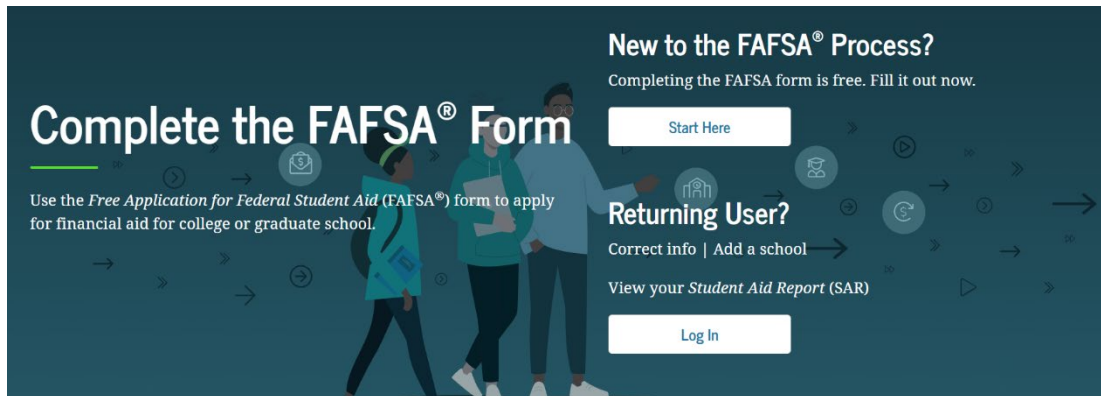
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StudentAid.gov

Federal Student Aid is the best resource for all things related to financing higher education. From this website, you can find information on the following topics and much, much more:

- Creating your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) and using it to file the FAFSA
- Tips on how to answer questions on the FAFSA that may not fit your unique situation
- Explore career path options and get help choosing a college best suited to your unique needs
- Learn about the different types of federal financial aid available, including grants, scholarships, and loans
- Learn the eligibility criteria for receiving federal financial aid
- Find out more about student loans, including what you may qualify for, the repayment terms, and more

File the 2024-2025 FAFSA at studentaid.gov!



The screenshot shows the StudentAid.gov homepage. On the left, there's a large heading "Complete the FAFSA® Form" with a subtext: "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." In the center, there's an illustration of three diverse students. On the right, there are two main sections: "New to the FAFSA® Process?" with a "Start Here" button and "Returning User?" with "Correct info | Add a school" and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR)" options, and a "Log In" button. The background is dark teal with various icons and arrows.

When can I apply for federal aid (file the FAFSA)?

- If you'll be attending college during the 2024-2025 school year, the FAFSA application opens online at studentaid.gov in December 2023. You may file at any time, but keep in mind that the priority deadline to file in Kansas is April 1st. Many colleges may even require you to file sooner than April 1st to be in the running for their need-based financial aid, so check the deadlines set by your chosen college.

How do I apply for federal aid?

- First, you AND your parent(s) will need to create separate Federal Student Aid IDs (FSA ID). This ID is a username and password that is used to login to the FAFSA as well as other federal aid sites (like StudentLoans.gov). You may NOT share an FSA ID with your parent, each of you must create a separate login for yourselves under different social security numbers and email addresses.
- Once you've established your FSA ID, you may file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you find that you're unable to answer a question due to a unique family situation, or need more assistance answering a question, visit StudentAid.gov for helpful resources.

I've filed the FAFSA. Now what?

- The colleges you listed on your FAFSA will review your information and determine how much financial aid you qualify for. If you have been accepted for admission, the college will send you an award letter detailing how much financial aid you may be eligible to receive there. The cost of attending that college is also included in the award letter so you can compare college award letters to determine which school is a good financial fit for you.

Kansas Degree Stats

www.ksdegreestats.org

The Kansas Board of Regents offers an interactive online tool to help estimate the cost of degree programs at Kansas public colleges as well as real employment earnings, job outlook information, and student loan repayment amounts based on reported statistics from actual Kansas graduates from each program.

There are many ways to use the Kansas Degree Stats tool. If you know the degree you are seeking, you can type the name of the degree into the search field to pull up all public colleges in Kansas that offer the degree. From there, you can select up to three colleges and compare them to see the difference in costs at each institution.

In the example below, we are looking at the cost of an associate's degree versus a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. The actual costs may vary, but this tool gives you a close idea of the difference in cost between the two types of degrees. In the bottom sections, the wages of Kansans who received these degrees are reported, as well as student loan repayment amounts.

DegreeStats Comparison Results

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Annual Cost of Degree	Butler Community College EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Associate Degree - AAS	Kansas State University EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Bachelor Degree - BS		
Resident Tuition	\$ 2,480	\$ 9,991		
Fees	\$ 1,084	\$ 1,706		
Room and Board	\$ 9,374	\$ 8,081		
Books and Supplies	\$ 2,373	\$ 973		
Total Annual Cost (estimated)	\$ 15,311	\$ 20,751		
Annual Source of Investment				
Scholarships and Grants	\$ 6,944	\$ 4,243		
Loans	\$ 4,286	\$ 9,206		
Personal Investment	\$ 4,081	\$ 7,302		
Total Annual Investment from all Sources	\$ 15,311	\$ 20,751		
Total Cost of Degree (estimated)	\$ 31,117 Based on 2 years	\$ 87,113 Based on 4 years		
Wage Information				
% of Program Graduates Employed in the Region	41 %	100 %		
Median Annual Earnings of Graduates Upon Entry	\$29,412	\$37,413		
Median Annual Earnings of Graduates After 5 Years	\$30,814	\$41,394		
Loan Repayment at 2.75% Interest Rate	Estimated Debt: \$ 8,572 Based on 2 years		Estimated Debt: \$ 36,824 Based on 4 years	
Number of Years of Repayment	Estimated Monthly Payment	% of Expected Annual Earnings	Estimated Monthly Payment	% of Expected Annual Earnings
10	\$ 86	3%	\$ 368	12%
15	\$ 62	3%	\$ 267	9%
20	\$ 51	2%	\$ 218	7%
25	\$ 44	2%	\$ 189	6%
30	\$ 40	2%	\$ 170	5%

Information is available for most degree programs at the six state universities, Washburn University, and the community and technical colleges in Kansas. Independent colleges are not included in the data collection for this tool.



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Scholarship and College Planning Resources

Federal Financial Aid Resources

Federal Student Aid	studentaid.gov	Homepage for all federal aid needs
FSA ID	studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account	Create your ID to file the FAFSA
FAFSA	studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa	File the FAFSA to receive federal financial aid funding for college
Federal Student Loan Balance	studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in	Centralized view of all your existing student loans and details about your loan servicer
FSA Ombudsman	studentaid.gov/feedback-ombudsman/disputes/prepare	How to dispute the balance or status of your student loans

General Scholarship Search Engines

UniGo	unigo.com	Top recommended scholarship search
Cappex	cappex.com	“Every College, Every Scholarship”
CollegeBoard	collegeboard.com	Find scholarships, internships, and more
FastWeb	fastweb.com	Broad scholarship search engine
BrokeScholar	brokescholar.com	Search without signing up for an account
JLV College Counseling	jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships	Scholarship blog created by former college admissions counselor to help students find aid

Minority Student Resources

JLV College Counseling	https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/minority/	Grouped by race; includes resources for undocumented and international students
United Negro College Fund	uncf.org	Deadlines vary by scholarship
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	hsf.net	Application Deadline: March
American Indian College Fund	collegefund.org/student-resources	Deadlines vary by scholarship
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund	apiasf.org	Application Deadline: January
U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce	uspaacc.com/programs/college-scholarships	Application Deadline: March
Gates Millennium Scholars	gmsp.org	Minority scholarships provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Military Resources

Veterans Benefits	benefits.va.gov/gibill/	Using GI bill to pay for college
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Disabled Student Resources

Aid for Disabled Students	finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml	
Scholarship Search for Disabled Students	learnhowtobecome.org/career-resource-center/financial-aid-for-college-students-with-disabilities/	

Other College Planning/Financial Aid Resources

Kansas Degree Stats	ksdegreestats.org	Compare the cost of degree programs at Kansas public institutions; see real employment earnings from graduates in those programs
LearningQuest 529 Plan	learningquest.com	Tax-advantaged college savings plan
College Scorecard	collegescorecard.ed.gov	Compare costs, graduation rates, and salary rates after graduation at all colleges in U.S.
Mapping Your Future	mappingyourfuture.org	College and tuition planning tool
FinAid.org	finaid.org	Everything you need to know about college aid
Scholarship Scams	finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml	How to avoid fake scholarships/scams