



## KANSAS ADULT LEARNER GRANT

This **service obligation scholarship program** was enacted to assist adult residents of Kansas aged 25 years and older in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree in certain high-demand fields. Students may study in-person or online at any Kansas 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.

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Only certain fields of study are eligible for the Adult Learner Grant. The specified high wage, high demand, critical need fields are:

- 1) information technology and security;
- 2) healthcare and nursing;
- 3) science, engineering, aerospace and advanced manufacturing;
- 4) education, early childhood education and development;
- 5) business, account and data analytics;
- 6) one additional field of study designated by the institution and identified as a high demand, high wage or critical need occupation.

**To view a list of all eligible institutions and their qualifying degree programs, visit:**

**[kansasregents.gov/students/student\\_financial\\_aid/adult-learner-grant](https://kansasregents.gov/students/student_financial_aid/adult-learner-grant)**

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- **This is a service scholarship.** To accept funds, the recipient must sign a promissory note in which they agree to:
  - Graduate from their degree program within 48 months of first receiving the grant
  - Commence living and working in Kansas for two consecutive years upon graduation. The work/live obligation begins no more than 6 months after graduation.
- 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 current interest rate is 5%.

### **To be eligible for the Kansas Adult Learner Grant, you must:**

- Be a Kansas resident, **AND**
- Be 25 years of age or older at the time the student's first course that is funded by a grant begins. **AND**
- 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, or for household sizes above three, a household income that is equal to or less than \$150,000 plus \$4,800 for each additional family member, **AND**
- Enroll full-time or part-time (minimum of 6 credit hours required for funding) at an eligible postsecondary educational institution in an eligible program for the grant.



#### **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 credit hours per semester)
  - Students taking less than 6 credit hours per semester will not qualify for funding.
- Students enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours will have a prorated award amount (\$2,750 for 11 hours, \$2,500 for 10 hours, etc.)

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 amount of tuition, fees, books, and required materials to be paid with the Adult Learner funds is less than the awarded amount, the excess Adult Learner Grant funding will be returned to the state.

#### **To apply and remain eligible for the Kansas Adult Learner Grant you must:**

- Complete the Kansas Adult Learner Grant application online at [sfa.kansasregents.gov](https://sfa.kansasregents.gov); **AND**
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); **AND**
- Enroll in an Adult Learner Grant eligible program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution; **AND**
- Sign a legally binding agreement with the Kansas Board of Regents in which you agree to live and work in Kansas for a minimum of two consecutive years following successful completion of your degree program; **AND**
- Complete the Kansas Adult Learner Grant application and the FAFSA each school year to continue receiving the Kansas Adult Learner Grant; **AND**
- Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, maintain satisfactory academic progress at your institution, and graduate from your degree program within 48 months from the date you started receiving Kansas Adult Learner Grant funds.

**Application will open January 5, 2026 for the 2026-2027 Academic Year and close on July 1, 2026.**

Summer courses are not covered by the Adult Learner Grant.

**Awards are made on a first come, first served basis.** Students may be placed on a waitlist when they apply as funding is very limited. Students are encouraged to apply early.

For more information on the Kansas Adult Learner Grant, please visit:

[kansasregents.gov/students/student\\_financial\\_aid/adult-learner-grant](https://kansasregents.gov/students/student_financial_aid/adult-learner-grant)

Or, contact us directly at: [scholars@ksbor.org](mailto:scholars@ksbor.org) or (785) 430-4300