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INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The awarding of funds through state student financial aid programs administered by the Kansas Board of Regents is contingent upon annual appropriations from the Kansas Legislature.

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 apply for the Adult Learner Grant and Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship.
- 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 studentaid.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 scholarship 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 send your FAFSA to our office.
2. **Apply for scholarships by creating an account at sfa.kansasregents.gov.**
 - a. You will receive a confirmation email after the application is submitted. This email contains instructions for next steps and additional materials that you may need to submit to complete your application.
 - 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 to the scholarship application website (sfa.kansasregents.gov) using the "Upload Documents" button at the top of homepage.
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.

All applications open January 5th, 2026

Apply early and submit all application materials by the priority deadline listed for each 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.

KANSAS ADULT LEARNER GRANT

This service obligation scholarship program assists 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 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; OR
- \$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:

https://kansasregents.gov/students/student_financial_aid/adult-learner-grant

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: https://kansasregents.gov/students/student_financial_aid/adult-learner-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.
- Award amounts are prorated for less than 12 hours (\$2,750 for 11, \$2,500 for 10, etc.)

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.

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. Grant funding may only be continued up to 48 months from the time you first receive the award.
- 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 that degree or ceasing enrollment in the program.
 - 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 5%.

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.gov
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov
- Enroll in an eligible degree program at an approved institution
 - Student must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours each semester

This scholarship is awarded on a first come, first served basis and funding is extremely limited.

Applicants may be placed on a waitlist due to limited funding. Application may close early if all funding has been awarded. Students are encouraged to apply early. Application will open January 5, 2026

To continue to receive Adult Learner Grant funds throughout your degree program, you must complete the Adult Learner Grant renewal application and the FAFSA each school year. You must remain under the household income threshold, maintain satisfactory academic progress, and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA. You may not receive the grant longer 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 EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship is to assist first-generation college students and/or dependents of teachers and paraprofessionals in Kansas with their first undergraduate degree. This scholarship is need-based; recipients are selected based on financial need as determined by federal methodology. **Priority in awarding is given to graduating high school seniors entering their first year of college and renewal applicants.**

To qualify for the Education Opportunity Scholarship, you must:

- **Be a first-generation college student.** This means neither of your parents/legal guardians have completed a bachelor's degree (completing an associate's degree or completing some college but not attaining a degree is also acceptable). **OR;**
- **Be a dependent of a teacher or paraprofessional in the state of Kansas.** Your parent/guardian must be actively working as a licensed teacher or paraprofessional in Kansas, grades pre-K through 12. Documentation of their teaching position is required (long-term substitutes do not qualify). **AND;**
- Be a permanent Kansas resident. **AND;**
- Enroll full-time as an undergraduate student at an eligible Kansas college; this includes the state universities, independent colleges, Washburn University, community and technical colleges in Kansas. **AND;**
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress towards your degree. **AND;**
- Have financial need according to federal methodology (your college financial aid office will calculate this based on the information on your FAFSA).

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

ALL applicants for the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship must:

- Complete the FAFSA online at studentaid.gov.
- Submit the Education Opportunity Scholarship application online at sfa.kansasregents.gov. Deadline is May 1.
- Forms are available at sfa.kansasregents.gov.

NEW applicants must also:

- If applying as a dependent of a teacher/para, submit the **Employment Verification Form**, completed by an official at the school where the parent is employed. This form is not needed for first-generation applicants, **AND;**
- A birth certificate or a certificate of adoption showing the relationship between the applicant and the teacher/para. In the case of a stepparent who has not legally adopted the applicant, acceptable documentation would include a marriage certificate between the teacher/para and the biological/adoptive parent, as well as a birth certificate or adoption certificate with the biological/adoptive parent's information listed.

RENEWAL applicants must also:

- Submit annually the **Employment Verification Form** to document that your parent/guardian is still employed as a teacher/para in Kansas. This form is not needed for renewal applicants who are first-generation college students.

The deadline to apply for the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship is May 1.

Education Opportunity Scholarship recipients may receive **up to \$1,850 annually (\$925/semester)** based on financial need as measured by federal methodology using data submitted on the student's FAFSA. This award is dependent on the availability of state funds. Recipients may apply to renew the scholarship each school year, up to four years (8 semesters) of undergraduate studies. Renewal applicants must continue to meet the eligibility criteria each year.

KANSAS HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Summer: July 1 Fall Semester: September 1 Spring Semester: February 1

The application for the Kansas Hero's Scholarship is available online at sfa.kansasregents.gov.

All required documentation should be submitted through the online scholarship portal using the "Upload Documents" button on the home screen.

This scholarship is awarded on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited. Applicants are encouraged to submit the online application and required documentation as soon as they know which eligible school they will be attending. Waivers are guaranteed only up to the amount of funding available each year; once funding is exhausted, the application will close for the school year.

WHERE CAN ELIGIBLE STUDENTS RECEIVE THE HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP?

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

LENGTH OF ELIGIBILITY:

Each eligible dependent or spouse may qualify for tuition and fee waivers for a total of ten (10) semesters of **undergraduate studies**. Summer semesters are eligible for funding and count as 1/3 of a semester of eligibility. Eligibility will begin during the first semester following the application. If currently enrolled when applying, eligibility will start during the current semester for which the applicant met the application deadline. Students will need to apply each year. Eligibility is NOT retroactive – we cannot provide this benefit for semesters that have already passed.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY? There are three groups for this scholarship:

- Dependents and spouses of deceased servicemembers who died while serving in active military service, dependents and spouses of disabled military servicemembers, who sustained a service-connected injury or disability that rendered the servicemember incapable of continuing military service, or are entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability of at least 80%
- Dependents and spouses of deceased public safety officers who died while performing duties as a Kansas public safety officer, or dependents and spouses of disabled public safety officer that sustained a service-connected disability that rendered the Kansas public safety officer incapable of performing duties.
- Prisoners of War.

Please review the "Required Documentation" and "Definitions" sections on the following pages to ensure you meet the eligibility requirements and provide the relevant documentation with your online application.

Applicants must submit documentation showing that the applicant has met all requirements.

KANSAS HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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Military Servicemember

The following documentation must be submitted along with the online application.

Applications without complete documentation will not be considered.

Dependents or spouses of a current or former military servicemember, provided that the servicemember is a current resident of the State of Kansas (or was a resident of the State of Kansas at time of death) AND falls into one of the following categories: Died while serving in the military, OR Sustained a service-connected injury or disability that rendered the servicemember incapable of continuing service, OR Is entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability of at least 80%.

Please provide documentation for one Category below:

Category 1: *Death during military service:* The servicemember died while serving in active military service.

- i. A copy of the servicemember's DD214 and/or other separation documents; **AND**
- ii. A copy of the DD Form 1300 showing the servicemember's death occurred while the servicemember was on active duty.

Category 2: *Service-connected Disability – incapable of continuing military service:* The servicemember sustained a service-connected injury or disability that rendered the servicemember incapable of continuing their military service.

- i. A copy of the servicemember's DD214 and/or other separation documents; **AND**
- ii. Evidence that proves the injury/disability caused the servicemember to be incapable of continuing their military service.

Category 3: *Service-connected Disability – 80% disability or more:* The servicemember is entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability of at least 80%.

- i. A copy of the servicemember's DD214 and/or other separation documents; **AND**
- ii. A letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) outlining that the servicemember has a service-connected disability, including the combined percentage rating of service-connected disability evaluation of 80% or more, dates of service, and the effective date of the latest disability determination.

AND

Proof that the servicemember is a Kansas resident:

- *For deceased servicemember, death certificate should be sufficient in most cases, but additional documentation may be requested if residency at time of death cannot be clearly determined.*
- A copy of the servicemember's last Leave and Earnings statement or a copy of page 1 of the servicemember's most recent state income tax returns.; **OR**
- A copy of the servicemember's current Kansas-issued ID card, or a copy of the servicemember's Kansas voter registration record; **AND**
- A copy of a recent utility bill or equivalent with the servicemember's name and current address and date listed on it (no more than two months old).

AND

Proof of relationship between applicant and servicemember:

- ***Spouse:*** A marriage certificate providing evidence of marriage between the applicant and the servicemember.
- ***Dependent:*** A birth certificate or a certificate of adoption showing the relationship between the applicant and the servicemember. In the case of a stepparent who has not legally adopted the applicant, acceptable documentation would include a marriage certificate between the military personnel and the biological/adoptive parent, as well as a birth certificate or adoption certificate with the biological/adoptive parent's information listed. In the case of dependents who are neither children nor stepchildren of the servicemember, please contact us for guidance on acceptable documentation.

KANSAS HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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Public Safety Officer

The following documentation must be submitted along with the online application.

Applications without complete documentation will not be considered.

Dependents and spouses of Public Safety Officers, provided that the public safety officer is a current resident of the State of Kansas (or was a resident of the State of Kansas at time of death) AND falls into one of the following categories:

Please provide documentation for one category below:

Service-Connected Death:

- A death certificate citing the death of the public safety officer; **AND**
- Additional conclusive documentation should be provided showing the death was a result of performing duties as Kansas public safety officer. Potential documentation could include an official letter from the department in which the public safety officer was affiliated, medical documentation, etc. Documentation should be conclusive.

OR

Service-connected Disability:

- Official documentation addressing that the injury or disability was sustained while performing duties as a Kansas public safety officer, and how such injury or disability prevents the individual from performing the duties at or above the pay level of the position the person held at the time of injury or disability. Potential documentation could include an official letter from the department in which the public safety officer was affiliated, medical documentation, etc.

AND

Proof of relationship between applicant and public safety officer:

- *Spouse:* A marriage certificate providing evidence of marriage between the applicant and the public safety officer.
- *Dependent:* A birth certificate or a certificate of adoption showing the relationship between the applicant and the public safety officer. In the case of a stepparent who has not legally adopted the applicant, acceptable documentation would include a marriage certificate between the public safety officer and the biological/adoptive parent, as well as a birth certificate or adoption certificate with the biological adoptive parent's information listed.

AND

Proof that the public safety officer is a Kansas resident:

- For deceased public safety officer, death certificate should be sufficient in most cases, but additional documentation may be requested if residency at time of death cannot be clearly determined.
- A copy of the public safety officer's last Leave and Earnings statement or a copy of page 1 of the public safety officer's most recent state income tax returns.; **OR**
- A copy of the public safety officer's current Kansas-issued ID card, or a copy of the public safety officer's Kansas voter registration record; **AND**
- A copy of a recent utility bill or equivalent with the public safety officer's name and current address and date listed on it (no more than two months old).

KANSAS HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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Prisoners of War

The following documentation must be submitted along with the online application.

Applications without complete documentation will not be considered.

Prisoner of War, provided that individuals who are eligible were Kansas residents upon entering United States armed forces
AND show proof of POW status:

Please provide documentation below:

- Documentation showing they were a resident of Kansas when entering the United States armed forces.
AND
- Proof of POW status:
 - A letter from the Veteran's Administration, the Department of Defense, or an Armed Services department verifying POW status
 - A DD Form 214 identifying POW status
 - A military medical identification card identifying POW status, or
 - A POW card issued by the detainment facility

KANSAS HERO'S SCHOLARSHIP – DEFINITIONS

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The following definitions are intended to clarify eligibility for the Hero's Scholarship. If you have questions about how your situation pertains to a definition, please contact the Kansas Board of Regents office at 785-430-4300.

Dependent: Includes birth child, adopted child, stepchild, or any other child who is dependent in whole or in part to such individual by marriage or consanguinity.

Injury or disability: any lesion or change in the physical structure of the body causing damage or harm thereto that is not transitory or minor AND occurred only by accident, intentional act of violence, or repetitive trauma.

Required fees: Charges required by an institution to be paid by every student as a condition of enrollment. These do not include other charges associated with the student's academic program or living costs, such as program/lab/course fees, books, materials, living costs, optional expenses, etc.

Service-connected injury or disability: The injury or disability was directly caused by the servicemember's active military service. Injury or disability happening while on active duty is not sufficient – the death or injury must have been a direct result of the servicemember's active-duty service, as shown by documentation provided with the application.

Servicemember: Any person who had active military service in any armed service branch of the United States military, and any person who had active state or federal service in the Kansas army or air national guard.

Resident of Kansas: A person who has present and fixed domiciliary residence in the State of Kansas where the person intends to remain for an indefinite period and to which the person intends to return following absence.

Spouse: A person currently married to the servicemember, or who was married to the servicemember at the time of the servicemember's death and who has not remarried.

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals who are also using Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits should carefully consider how the Hero's scholarship may affect those benefits. We encourage students to talk with their school's military-affiliated centers/staff about how to maximize all of their entitlements. Generally, when a Chapter 33 user receives other aid that is designated solely for tuition and fees (known as restricted aid), the VA's last payer clause states that VA will only pay any remaining tuition/required fees after restricted aid is applied. Because the Hero's scholarship is restricted aid that waives the entirety of an individual's undergraduate tuition and required fees for up to 10 semesters of undergraduate coursework, there is no tuition for the VA to pay when a student receives the Hero's scholarship. Students can still receive their Ch. 33 monthly housing allowance and book stipend; however, we encourage students to talk with their school's military-affiliated centers/staff about how to maximize all of their entitlements.

Questions?

Email: scholars@ksbor.org

Phone : 785-430-4300

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 12).

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 studentaid.gov; **AND**,
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application online at sfa.kansasregents.gov
- ❖ **NEW applicants must submit your DD-214** to KBOR using the Upload Documents button on the online application (sfa.kansasregents.gov). Alternatively, you may send by email to scholars@ksbor.org.
- ❖ **RENEWAL applicants** 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.

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.

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 undergraduate 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

The award amount is based on the tuition and fees minus Federal Tuition Assistance. The scholarship amount will be based on the maximum rate charged by state educational institutions for students who are attending independent colleges.

Students may be pursuing a certificate, diploma or degree program and must be current members of a Kansas Air/Army National Guard unit.

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 undergraduate 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 studentaid.gov; **AND,**
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application online at sfa.kansasregents.gov

Award Amount

The award amount is subject to the amount of tuition and fees minus Federal Tuition Assistance. The scholarship amount will be based on the maximum rate charged by state educational institutions for students who are attending independent colleges.

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:

https://kansasregents.gov/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD EMERGE PROGRAM

The Kansas National Guard Educational Master's for Enhanced Readiness and Global Excellence (EMERGE) program provides financial assistance to members of the Kansas Air/Army National Guard who are seeking a master's or higher degree at an eligible Kansas college or university. This includes the six state universities, Washburn University, and the independent colleges and universities in Kansas.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a current member of the Kansas National Guard in good standing who has been accepted into an eligible master's or higher degree program.
- Enroll in a Kansas educational institution (includes public and independent universities, and Washburn University)
- Must have FAFSA on file at the institution
- 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 48 months in the Kansas National Guard for Master's degrees or 72 months for a professional or doctorate degree or will be required to repay the amount of the scholarship received.**

Recipients of this scholarship must:

- Be selected by the Adjutant General's office for this scholarship program, **and**
- Maintain at least a 2.75 GPA for Master's degree and 3.0 GPA for other degrees, **and**
- Maintain satisfactory progress towards completion of the educational program in which they are enrolled.

Award Amount

This program pays tuition and fees for up to 15 credit hours per semester, not to exceed 150% of the total number of credit hours required to complete the degree. The award amount is subject to the amount of tuition and fees minus Federal Tuition Assistance. The scholarship amount will be based on the maximum rate charged by state educational institutions for students who are attending independent colleges.

If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation, they are responsible for repaying the Kansas Board of Regents the amount of the scholarship that they received.

KANSAS NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship is for students in LPN or RN nursing programs who are committed to practicing in Kansas. Recipients sign a promissory note with the State of Kansas to practice nursing one year for each year of scholarship support received. Students with a sponsor* in a USDA Rural Opportunity Zone qualify for a higher scholarship amount; *sponsorship is not required to receive the scholarship*.

- ◆ 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);
- Student must be enrolled in 12 credit hours or more each semester.
- File the FAFSA online at studentaid.gov;
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application online at sfa.kansasregents.gov
- ❖ **NEW applicants must sign an agreement/promissory note with the State of Kansas** to accept the scholarship. Instructions for this process will be sent to the recipient when they are notified of award selection.
- ❖ **RENEWAL applicants** are students who received the scholarship the prior year; no new promissory note is needed.
- ❖ **A higher scholarship amount is given to students with an eligible sponsor* in a USDA Rural Opportunity Zone.** Sponsorship is not required, but will increase the amount of funding awarded to the recipient. If the recipient signs with a sponsor, they are required to work at that facility after graduation.
 - * 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 state agency which employs LPNs or RNs and are licensed by the state of Kansas. **The sponsor CANNOT be located in the following counties: Butler, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Reno, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte.** Preference is given to those sponsored by a mental health facility.
- ❖ If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the funding available, priority is given to renewal applicants and students with the highest financial need.

AWARD AMOUNTS:

- Recipients enrolled full-time in a **Licensed Practical Nurse** program are eligible for **\$4,000** each school year. LPN candidates with a sponsor will receive **\$5,000** each school year.
- Recipients enrolled full-time in a **Registered Nurse** program are eligible for **\$5,000** each school year. RN candidates with a sponsor will receive **\$6,250** each school year.

RECIPIENT SERVICE OBLIGATION:

The service obligation requires the recipient to complete their nursing program and licensure then work full-time as an RN or LPN in Kansas, one year for each year of scholarship assistance that was received. If the student has a sponsor, they must work for that facility.

- ❖ If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation to the state, they will be subject to repaying the total scholarship amount received. Interest will accrue on the total at a rate of 5%.

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 obligation 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.

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; or
- \$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:

https://kansasregents.gov/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:

https://kansasregents.gov/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. **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 agreeing 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 5%.

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.gov
- 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 https://kansasregents.gov/students/student_financial_aid/promise-act-scholarship

Awards are made on a first come, first served basis and the application may close early if funding is exhausted prior to the deadline.

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 fail to enroll for the following school year, 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:

- received notification from the Kansas Board of Regents stating that you completed the Kansas Scholars Curriculum **AND** 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 studentaid.gov.
- Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application online at sfa.kansasregents.gov;
- **The deadline to apply for the State Scholarship is July 1st.**

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 spring semester of your senior year of high school.
- 3) Graduate high school during the 2026-2027 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 2025 State Scholars included an average ACT of 29 and an average GPA of 3.93.*

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

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. 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 must 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.

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 Administration, Counseling, or Library/Media Science degrees**);

***Identified hard-to-fill disciplines for 2026-2027 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 online at sfa.kansasregents.gov. The deadline is June 1.
- 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.
- If a current teacher, submit a copy of your teaching certificate or licensure.

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 deadline is June 1.

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

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 **\$6,860** per academic year (**\$3,430 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	- \$3,430 per semester
9 – 11 hours	- \$2,747 per semester
6 – 8 hours	- \$2,058 per semester
3 – 5 hours	- \$1,373 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 5%.

ADDITIONAL 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 studentaid.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-\$10,500 at the private institutions and \$100-\$4,500 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 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.gov.

ADDITIONAL 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 can receive the scholarship 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.gov.

KANSAS DENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

Designed to encourage dentists to establish a Kansas practice. This program reduces the tuition rate to resident tuition for approved students 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.gov/students/student_financial_aid for more information.

For questions, or to inquire about applying for any of the programs listed in this section, please email scholars@ksbor.org, or call 785-430-4300.