

2009-2010

FINANCIAL AID SOURCES FOR KANSAS STUDENTS

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You must complete and submit the attached 2009-2010 State of Kansas Student Aid Application IF, AND ONLY IF, you want to apply for any of the following programs: Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship, Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship, Kansas State Scholarship, or the Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship.

DEADLINE

The priority deadline to process this state application is postmarked by May 1, 2009. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must also be completed. The priority deadline to process the FAFSA is April 1, 2009. Both applications are necessary to complete your file for financial aid.

COMMON ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Each program listed requires the recipient to:

A. be a Kansas resident, **B.** enroll in a qualified program, **C.** enroll at a Kansas college or university, and **D.** not already be awarded an undergraduate degree, unless you are applying for the Nursing or Teaching Service Scholarships. See program description section for details.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

A complete application requires:

1) The FAFSA completed and submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or by mail. 2) Detaching, completing, and mailing the application form(s) in this brochure or applying online at www.kansasregents.org. 3) Your signature and a \$12.00 non-refundable processing fee are required to complete your application. (Make the check/money order payable to KBOR, student's name on memo line.) 4) Submitting additional required materials (i.e. official college transcripts, letter of recommendation, high school information, etc.), if applicable.

Remember: Check social security numbers. Make sure the correct student social security number is used on both the federal and state applications.

USE OF FEDERAL APPLICATION (FAFSA)

Many FAFSA questions are used to determine eligibility for the State of Kansas programs. Complete the FAFSA carefully and accurately. Otherwise, your scholarship application may be rejected. You may estimate adjusted gross income and federal taxes paid in order to meet application priority deadlines. **Do not send** your FAFSA to the Kansas Board of Regents! Your completion of the state application and payment of the \$12 processing fee allows us to electronically access your FAFSA information.

FOLLOW-UP

If you have further questions about the financial aid programs described in this brochure, contact the Kansas Board of Regents at (785) 296-3517, e-mail: dindeman@ksbor.org, or check our web site at: www.kansasregents.org.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Priority deadline for applying for programs that require this application is **May 1, 2009**.

KANSAS ETHNIC MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applicants must complete the state application **and** new applicants must have their high school counselor, registrar or similar official complete the high school information form. All applicants must complete the FAFSA. Funding priority goes to eligible renewals. **Awards are based on financial need.**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Designed to assist financially needy, academically competitive students who are identified as members of any of the following ethnic/racial groups: African American, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Hispanic. Selection priority is given to applicants who will graduate from high school in 2009.

ACADEMIC CRITERIA:

The minimum academic requirements include **one** of the following: 1) ACT score of 21 or SAT of 990; 2) Cumulative high school GPA of 3.0; 3) High school rank in upper 33%; 4) Completion of Kansas Scholars Curriculum; 5) Selection by National Merit Corporation in any category or; 6) Selection by College Board as a Hispanic Scholar.

RECIPIENTS:

Students who meet **one** of the minimum requirements comprise the applicant pool and selection is competitive, based on relative academic strength. Undergraduates may receive funds for four years (five years if enrolled in a designated five-year program). Recipients must attend a Kansas community college or a four-year private or public college or university.

AWARD AMOUNT:

Ethnic Minority scholarship recipients may receive up to \$1,850 annually based on financial need as measured by Federal Methodology using data submitted on the FAFSA **and** availability of state funds.

RENEWALS:

Renewals must complete the FAFSA and the state application each year. To be eligible for funding, you must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and have financial need.

Check list for the Ethnic Minority Scholarship:

- Complete/submit the FAFSA either online or the paper version. (Priority deadline April 1)
- State of Kansas Student Aid Application completed and submitted either online or the paper version and the \$12.00 non-refundable application fee submitted. (Priority deadline May 1)
- The High School Information Form completed by a high school official. (Priority deadline May 1)

KANSAS NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship requires an obligation to practice as a LPN or RN in Kansas and work for a sponsor. A sponsor means any adult care home, psychiatric hospital, medical care facility, home health agency, local health department or any state agency, which employs LPNs or RNs, licensed by the State of Kansas. The sponsor will provide partial scholarship funding and provide employment upon licensure of the recipient. All applicants must complete the FAFSA.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Designed to encourage enrollment in nursing programs by Kansans committed to practicing in Kansas. Recipients sign agreements and promissory notes to practice nursing at specific facilities one year for each year of scholarship support.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

Minimum criteria include: 1) acceptance to a Kansas nursing program (pre-nursing will not be funded), 2) commitment by an eligible sponsor licensed by the state to fund up to half of the scholarship and provide full-time employment to the recipient after licensure, and 3) student must be enrolled in 12 hours or more. The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship Program accepts applicants with degrees, but who **have not** received LPN or RN licensure.

RECIPIENTS:

Applicants must submit the FAFSA, the state application, and a copy of a signed sponsor agreement to be considered for funding. Financial need is considered if there are more applicants than available funding.

AWARD AMOUNT:

Recipients who enroll in the Licensed Practical Nurse program are eligible for \$2,500 each year. Those enrolled in the Registered Nurse program are eligible for \$3,500 each year. Sponsors pay from \$1,000 to one-half of the scholarship and the State of Kansas pays the remaining amount.

RENEWALS:

Recipients will receive a renewal agreement and promissory note, from the Board of Regents, which must be returned with a signed sponsor agreement. The federal application and the state application must be completed **each year**.

RECIPIENT OBLIGATION:

Scholarship recipients work for the sponsor, who provided a portion of the funds, one year 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 amount of 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 as of 7/1/08 that interest rate is 12.9%).

Check list for the Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship:

- Complete/submit the FAFSA either online or the paper version. (Priority deadline April 1)
- State of Kansas Student Aid Application completed and submitted either online or the paper version and the \$12.00 non-refundable application fee submitted. (Priority deadline May 1)
- Signed Sponsor Agreement. (Priority deadline May 1)

KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP

State Scholarship applicants must have been designated/or will be designated as a State Scholar during their senior year of high school. To be designated, a student had to take the ACT assessment between April of the sophomore year and the end of December of the senior year, **AND** complete the Kansas Scholars Curriculum. The 7th semester cumulative GPA and curriculum data will be provided by a high school official in March. Designation is based on an index, which mathematically combines the ACT composite score and GPA. All applicants complete the state application. Funding priority goes to renewals. All applicants must complete the FAFSA. **Awards are based on financial need.**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The program is designed to assist financially needy students in the top 20-40% of Kansas high school graduates who are designated as a State Scholar.

ACADEMIC CRITERIA:

Minimum requirements include: 1) taking the ACT Assessment by December of the senior year; 2) completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum; 3) having curriculum and 7th semester GPA certified on the official roster by the high school counselor, registrar, or similar official and; 4) graduating during the 2008-2009 academic year. *The academic profile of 2008 designated scholars included an average ACT of 29 and an average GPA of 3.89.*

RECIPIENTS:

Students who meet minimum requirements comprise the applicant pool with designation (selection) of State Scholars based on ranking by descending index number. The number of designees is dependent on state funding levels.

AWARD AMOUNT:

Designated State Scholars may receive up to \$1,000 annually based on financial need as measured by the Federal Methodology using data submitted on the FAFSA **and** the availability of state funds.

RENEWALS:

State Scholars must have been designated when high school seniors and must complete the FAFSA and the state application **each year**. Funding priority goes to upper-class students (those graduating from high school before 2009). Scholars may receive funds for four undergraduate years (five years if enrolled in a designated five-year program). Scholars who are not financially eligible for funding one year may be eligible in a following year and should apply for aid **each year** to officially learn of eligibility. Scholars must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and have financial need to be eligible for funding. Renewals are **not** notified. *It is the responsibility of the State Scholar to reapply for funding each year.*

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

This service obligation scholarship program provides financial assistance to both students pursuing bachelor's degree programs and currently licensed teachers pursuing endorsement in hard-to-fill disciplines or master's degrees in hard-to-fill disciplines or either group planning to teach in an underserved geographic area.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Knowing that there is an increased need to employ qualified teachers in hard-to-fill disciplines and underserved geographic areas of the state, this program was enacted to increase the number of licensed and fully endorsed teachers in the State of Kansas.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

Applicants must be:

Resident of the State of Kansas and attending a Kansas postsecondary institution; **AND**

- a.) Accepted for admission to, or currently enrolled, in a course of instruction leading to licensure as a teacher in one of the hard-to-fill disciplines* or one of the underserved geographic areas** of Kansas; **OR**
- b.) Currently licensed as a teacher enrolled in a course of instruction leading to endorsement in one of the hard-to-fill disciplines* or teach in one of the underserved geographic areas** in Kansas; **OR**
- c.) Currently licensed as a teacher and been accepted for admission, or enrolled in a course of instruction leading to a master's degree in a field of education as a teacher in one of the hard-to-fill disciplines*, or in one of the underserved geographic areas** of Kansas.

***Hard-to-fill disciplines for 2009-10 are: Special Education, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, and English as a Second Language (ESL).**

****Underserved geographic areas for 2009-10 have been identified as: USD 501 Topeka; USD 500 Kansas City, KS; USD 259 Wichita and State Board of Education Area 5 (which includes all of the western 1/3 of the State of Kansas).**

SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENT:

As a condition for receipt of the scholarship, the recipient shall enter into an agreement 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 your selected hard-to-fill teaching discipline or in an underserved geographic area in the State of Kansas;
- Obtain and maintain necessary licensure and endorsement as specified in the teaching 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 an accredited public or private elementary or secondary school on a full-time basis for a period of not less than the length of the course of instruction for which the scholarship was awarded or commence teaching on a part-time basis for a period of time that is equivalent to full-time, multiplied by the length of the course of instruction for which the scholarship was awarded.

If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation they will be subject to repaying the amount 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 as of 7/1/08 that interest rate is 12.9%).

RECIPIENTS:

First priority in awarding goes to Junior and Senior level college students and currently licensed teachers who meet the outlined criteria and provide an official copy of all academic transcripts and at least one academic, or employment-related (current teachers only), letter of recommendation, and personal statement of your academic and teaching goal. This is a merit-based scholarship. The average GPA of recipients has been 3.50. The number of designees is dependent on state funding levels.

AWARD AMOUNT:

Recipients may be eligible for up to \$5,100 (\$2,550/semester) during 2009-10. The funding amount will be as follows:

- 12 + hours - \$2,550/per semester
- 9 –11 hours - \$2,040/per semester
- 6 – 8 hours - \$1,530/per semester
- 3 – 5 hours - \$1,020/per semester

RENEWALS:

Recipients receive a renewal application from the Board of Regents. Promissory notes and agreements will be sent after enrollment. The federal application also needs to be completed **each year**.

Check list for NEW Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship applicants:

- Complete/submit the FAFSA either online or the paper version. (Priority deadline April 1)
- State of Kansas Student Aid Application completed and submitted either online or the paper version and the \$12.00 non-refundable application fee submitted. (Priority deadline May 1)
- Submit an official copy of all academic transcripts. (Priority deadline May 1)
- Submit at least one letter of recommendation; academic, or employment-related. (Priority deadline May 1)
- Submit a personal statement of your academic and teaching goal. (Priority deadline May 1)
- If a current teacher, submit a copy of your teaching certificate or license. (Priority deadline May 1)

OTHER SOURCES OF STATE FUNDED AID
(THESE DO NOT REQUIRE COMPLETING THE STATE APPLICATION)

KANSAS COMPREHENSIVE GRANT

The Kansas Comprehensive Grant is available to Kansas residents enrolled full-time at eighteen private colleges and universities located in Kansas, the six public universities, and Washburn University. To be considered you must complete and submit the FAFSA, listing one or more eligible colleges. The FAFSA priority deadline is April 1. The funding level allows about 1 in 3 eligible students to be assisted with award amounts ranging from \$200-\$3,500 at the private institutions and \$100-\$1,500 at the public institutions. **The grant is based on financial need.**

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Vocational Education Scholarship is available to eligible students enrolled in approved vocational programs at community or technical colleges and some two-year programs at four-year institutions. Applicants must take the vocational exam that is offered at various sites throughout Kansas on the first Saturday in November and March. See your high school counselor or college financial aid director for an application, contact the Board of Regents or download the application from our website. Approximately 240 scholarships of \$500 are awarded. Priority goes to renewals and the remainder to new applicants with the highest exam scores. Approximately 1 in 2 applicants are funded.

MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP/TUITION ASSISTANCE

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, Washburn University and some community colleges.

Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance - Provides up to 100% of tuition and fees that leads to the award of a certificate, diploma or degree upon satisfactory completion of course work requirements for members of a Kansas Air/Army National Guard unit. Full-time enrollment not required. See website for application.

Military Service Scholarship - Available for the payment of tuition and fees at a public Kansas institution for students who are a resident of Kansas and has either (a) served in military service in Iraq or Afghanistan at least 90 days after September 11, 2001, or served less than such 90 days because of injuries received in Iraq or Afghanistan or (b) has served in military service in international waters or on foreign soil in support of military operations in Iraq or Afghanistan for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001, or has served for less than such 90 days because of injuries received during such service; and received an honorable discharge from military service or is still in military service; and has a DD-214 form or active duty orders that indicate the person has served after September 11, 2001, in one or more of the following military operations: (a) Enduring Freedom; (b) Nobel Eagle; or (c) Iraqi Freedom. Because financial need is a priority in awarding this scholarship, students will need to file a FAFSA form. See www.kansasregents.org for an application.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Kansas Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship - Designed to encourage service in rural areas of Kansas. Recipients receive up to \$15,000 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. See web site for application.

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. See web site for application.

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.

GRADUATE STUDIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

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 given to applicants whose studies are directly related to foreign affairs. Stipends average \$2,456. Applications available from graduate school offices. Deadline: April 1.

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.

Other student financial assistance programs available: Workforce Development Loan Program, Foster Care Tuition Waiver, and Tuition & Fee Waivers for Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Public Safety Officers, Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Military Personnel and Former Prisoners of War. For more information about these programs, call the Kansas Board of Regents Office at (785) 296-3517 or visit our website at www.kansasregents.org.