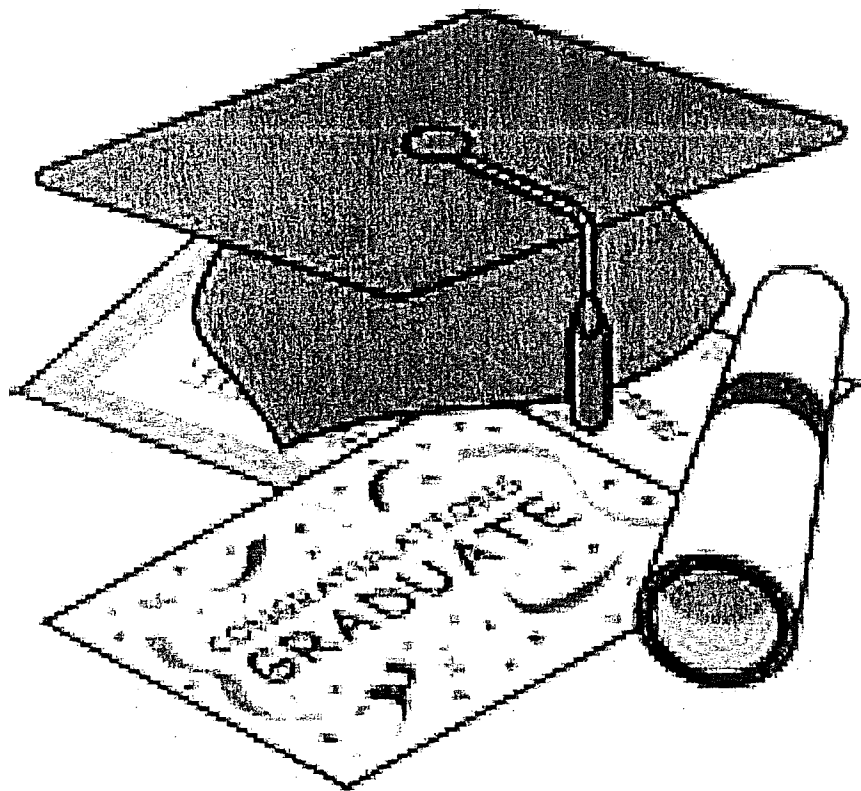


What's Next?



**Handbook for Seniors and
Parents
Ness City High School**

Making tentative career selections, choosing whether or not to attend a college or technical school, and possibly applying for financial aid for post-secondary training are all decisions you will face before graduating from Ness City High School. The purpose of this book is to help you meet these responsibilities by informing you of available opportunities and the steps you will need to follow in choosing your direction. This book will not answer all of your questions, but hopefully it will make you aware of questions that you need to ask. The Counseling Office is available to help you seek the answers to your questions. Feel free to come in.

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR SENIOR YEAR

1. Are your credits in order for your high school graduation?
2. What plans have you made following your high school graduation? Are you going on to school? To work? To the military? Or some combination of these?
3. If you are going straight into full-time employment, do you know how to go about applying for a job?
4. If you are going to school - have you selected a school? Do you know the admission requirements of the school of your choice? Do you need to take the ACT or SAT test battery for admission? Have you filed your application for admission? Do you want to apply for financial aid? What housing arrangements do you need to make?

If you are saying, "I don't know what I want to do after high school," come in to the counselor's office and let's explore some of your choices. One program that is available is called Kansas Career Pipeline. This program has three different assessments that the student completes: From that, they are fitted with careers that best suit them. This program also lets students research the different career clusters and options. Information about career interests can also be obtained from standardized tests such as the PLAN that is taken their sophomore year and the ASVAB that is taken their junior year. The important thing is to start NOW if you have not already. Most colleges have web sites that have great information about their areas of study, cost, **FINANCIAL AID AND ADMISSION DEADLINES**, etc. Some universities have early deadlines, so use these web sites.

SELECTING A COLLEGE, TECHNICAL, OR BUSINESS SCHOOL

If you are considering post-secondary training, you should start exploring the possible institutions for such training early. Due to the great number of colleges, vocational-technical schools, and business schools across the nation, you may need some time to narrow the field. Further, some schools have admissions and financial aid deadlines. Start your search by asking yourself some of the following questions:

Where do I want to live? At home? Close to home? Far enough away to limit home visits? A big city campus or rural one?

What kind of social life do I want/ Would I consider a single-sex college? Do I want to pledge a fraternity or sorority? Are sports significant? Do I want a diverse student body or a local one?

What kind of training program do I want? Do I want a vocational or a liberal arts education? Do I want a one-year, two-year, or four-year or longer program? Do I want to follow the traditional college curriculum or do I want more of a work-study program? Do I meet the requirements for the training program I want?

What institutions offer the program I want? Remember, just because three schools offer the same program, the programs may not be of the same quality. Study each school's catalog description of the program, write or visit the department, and try to talk with graduates of the program.

What is my financial status? Can my parents afford to send me anywhere or should I try to stay at home and save on expenses? Should I apply for scholarships, grants, and loans/ Would I want to work part time?

To assist in your decision making, talk to your parents, your counselor, and your teachers.

After narrowing your choices of schools somewhat, you would then profit from visiting these schools. Go at a time when the schools are in session so you can talk with faculty, staff, and students, sit in on a class, and stay overnight in a dorm to sample school life. You are urged not to enroll in a school sight unseen because you may think you'll like it and find just the opposite to be true. Again, the counseling office can help you set up appointments. Remember that Ness City High School has a policy concerning college visits. A form must be picked up from the office, completed and returned to the office at least three days prior to the college visit, then the student must return a copy of the form, signed by a college official, for the absence to be excused.

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN MAKING A CAMPUS VISIT

I. Admission

- A. How do I make application to attend your college?
- B. Are there any prerequisites before application is made?
- C. To what address can I write for admissions information?
- D. Is there a deadline for applying for admissions?

II. Financial Aid

- A. How much are tuition and fees?
- B. What types of financial aid are available to students attending your school? Scholarships? Grants? Work-Study Program? Loans?
- C. How do I apply for financial aid from your school and what are the deadline dates?
- D. What kind of jobs are available for students in your area?
- E. What is the pay scale for most off campus jobs?
- F. Do you have an ROTC program, and if so, what is the nature of it?

III. Housing

- A. Are all freshmen required to live in dorms?
- B. What does it cost to live in a dorm for one semester?
- C. Do you have any co-op or scholarship dorms which offer reduced rates because residents share cooking and housekeeping responsibilities?
- D. Do you have to eat all your meals in the dorm?
- E. How do I make reservations for a dorm room?
- F. When should dorm reservations be made?
- G. When should a person start looking in order to obtain off campus housing?
- H. What is the average monthly rent for most off campus housing?
 - I. What are the rules that govern students living in dorms or off campus housing?
 - J. Does the campus have an off campus approved housing list?

IV. Enrollment

- A. What are the pre-enrollment and enrollment dates?
- B. What is the usual course load for most beginning freshmen?
- C. How are advisors assigned and how available are they to assist students?
- D. What courses are required of all freshmen?

V. Activities

- A. What activities are available for students that attend your school?
- B. What recreational facilities are available at your school?
- C. Do you have an intramural program?

- D. Is there any special entertainment offered to new students?
- E. What clubs and organizations are available to students?

VI. Library Facilities

- A. What is the nature of your library facilities? How many volumes?
- B. What hours does the library stay open and is it open on holidays?
- C. Does the library have space available where students can study?
- D. Does the library offer a computer search service to assist with research?

VII. Medical

- A. What medical facilities are available to students?
- B. Are students charged for student health services?
- C. Are medical insurance policies made available to students at reduced rates?

VIII. Transportation

- A. Is driving on campus permitted?
- B. Are freshmen allowed to have vehicles on campus?
- C. What parking facilities are available for students in dorms and off campus?
- D. What rules govern student transportation?

IX. Studies and Courses

- A. What are the best areas of education at your institution?
- B. Is the major I plan to study available at your institution?
- C. How many hours and what courses are general requirements for graduation at your school?
- D. Are computers for student use readily available on campus?

**ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE, TECHNICAL, OR
BUSINESS SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE**

Check the catalog of the school(s) of your choice or write to its admissions office for admission requirements and any deadlines for accepting applications. Some out-of-state schools, including the military academies, have early deadlines for accepting applications.

In general, to gain admission to a technical or business school, you will simply need to file an application for admission and arrange financing and housing. However, keep in mind that some technical programs do fill early.

To gain admission to most colleges you must take the ACT or the SAT College Entrance Examination, and you should do this before filing

admissions applications. Which exam you take will depend on the entrance requirements of the college of your choice. See the counselor for information and for registration packets. For scholarship considerations these should be taken by December of your Senior year, the earlier, the better.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

The NCAA has established a central clearinghouse to certify athletics eligibility for Division I and II. If you intend to participate in athletics at a Division I or II school as a freshman, you must be registered with and be certified as eligible by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. Note that initial-eligibility certification pertains only to whether you meet the NCAA requirements for participation in Division I or II athletics and has no bearing on your admission to a particular institution.

If you think you may want to participate in college sports you should check with your counselor regarding your core credits, GPA, and SAT or ACT score. You must take at least three years of English, two years of Math, two years of Science, and two years of Social Science, plus additional core courses for a total of 13 core credits. Scores of 700 on the SAT and 17 on the ACT are also minimum requirements.

Registration forms for the Clearinghouse may be picked up in the Counseling Office. There is a one time \$18.00 fee to register. It is recommended that you register during your junior year or as early as possible in your senior year. Remember if you are considering college athletics, please visit with your coach and counselor as soon as possible to assure that your high school academics will not be a roadblock to you.

FINANCIAL AID FOR YOUR TRAINING

Financial aid can be classified generally into two types. Some financial aid serves to reward and recognize the outstanding or talented student regardless of his/her financial need. Such aid is often referred to as **MERIT AID**. Other financial aid is provided to assist the capable student with **FINANCIAL NEED** to continue his/her education. Any students interested in financial aid are urged to apply. Below are listed the steps to follow in seeking financial aid to attend the college, technical or business school of your choice.

- A. **WATCH AND LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS.** As information comes into the Counseling Office I will make announcements that interested students need to come by the Counselor's Office. Reminders will also be in the district newsletters that come out monthly.

when filling out scholarship applications, pay extra attention to neatness and completeness! Sloppy or incomplete applications are often not even considered by scholarship committees.

MAKE COPIES OF ALL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEFORE MAILING.

- B. Check the catalog or freshman admissions bulletin of the school you plan to attend or write or call the school's Financial Aid Office to find out the financial aid application procedure and deadlines for that school. You may even want to contact the head of the Department you want to major in regarding scholarships specific to your area. Remember that many schools' catalogs and admissions bulletins are available in the Counseling Office for your use.

The admissions representatives from the various colleges and technical school who periodically visit Ness City High School almost always bring along financial aid information and scholarship applications. Be sure and listen carefully for visitations to be announced. Students must sign up in the Counselor's Office to see a representative.

- C. In order for you to be eligible for need-based financial aid, most colleges technical and business schools will require that you fill out and file a **Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. These forms are available from the Counseling Office. The FAFSA cannot be mailed before January 1. However, it should be completed and sent as soon as possible after that because processing on the form takes three to four weeks, and most state colleges have a March 1 or a March 15 priority deadline. Within six weeks after mailing in your FAFSA, you should receive a report back called the SAR, Student Aid Report. Carefully read and follow the directions it contains.

If you are applying to more than one college or school for admission, you do not have to fill out duplicate FAFSA forms. Rather, you simply list the code numbers for all the schools to which you are applying in the appropriate blanks on the FAFSA.

Mailing in the FAFSA should complete your application for various types of need-based scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study your school administers. However, do reread your school's financial aid information in order to see if there are additional applications to complete for particular scholarships or loans. In fact, you may even want to make an appointment to see the institution's financial aid officer about these options.

MAKE COPIES OF ALL FINANCIAL AID FORMS BEFORE MAILING.

During January a **Financial Aid Worknight** for students and parents is being planned. This will include a step-by-step description of how to fill out the FAFSA. The date will be announced later.

- D. **The State of Kansas College Scholarship Program.** This program provides recognition to Kansas high school seniors and offers them the opportunity to be considered for renewable awards of up to \$1000 annually to be used at any eligible Kansas post-secondary institution. However, the program is highly competitive. Applicants must meet four criteria: high ACT scores, excellent grades, completion of the Kansas Board of Regents Recommended Curriculum, and financial need.

High school students wanting to apply for a state scholarship must **first** plan on completing the Regents Recommended Curriculum for college bound students. The curriculum consists of four years of English, three years each of math, science, and social studies, and two years of foreign language. Further, the three years of math must include Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Algebra or higher. The three years of science must include Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

The **second** step in applying for a state scholarship is to be sure and take the ACT test no later than December of the senior year. ACT scores of Kansas students from the spring of the junior year and the fall of the senior year are automatically forwarded to the Board of Regents processing center.

Students should be notified in late February, by the Counseling Office if it appears they will be Board of Regents Curriculum Completers. Completers will be invited to take the **third** and **fourth** steps in applying for a state scholarship. Third, they must fill out the FAFSA form. Fourth, they must fill out the Kansas Student Aid Application. Both forms are available from the Counseling Office. Recipients will hopefully be notified in May.

- E. **The State of Kansas Vocational Scholarship Program.** Annually 100 new scholarships worth up to \$500 each are being awarded to students planning to attend one or two-year vocational programs at technical schools, community colleges, or other approved Kansas proprietary schools. To qualify you must simply take a very inexpensive aptitude test in November or March. The scholarship may be renewed for an additional year. Watch for details on this later.

- F. Remember that community service organizations, employers of both

students and their parents, churches, and private foundations are all potential sources of scholarships and other financial aid. Check on these.

- G. Military service should not be overlooked when seeking financial aid for college or vocational training. In fact, with the Montgomery GI Bill and any Service College Fund, a young person can receive up to \$40,000 for use for a college education after his/her discharge. Recruitment Officers will be making visits to Ness City High School, watch for announcements concerning their appointment times.

The process of procuring financial assistance may seem lengthy and cumbersome, but if you receive aid, the process is worth it. Do not despair about all the forms. Remember, three hours spent on a Saturday afternoon completing a scholarship application that ultimately results in an award of \$500 is a payment of over \$166 per hour of your time.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SERVICES

There are many privately operated scholarship search services, which charge fees that may range from \$50 to \$150 or more. These services usually provide computerized lists of sources of private and other financial aid that you may apply for. They may be helpful in identifying sources of aid for students who meet certain criteria, such as academic achievement, religious affiliation, ethnic or racial heritage, artistic talents, athletic ability, career plans, or proposed field of study. Also many Agencies, such as Waddell and Reed have programs that parents can invest in to plan ahead for college funding etc..

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Some admissions applications and many scholarship applications request that the student include one or more letters of reference from school officials or others who know the student well. Please provide anyone that you ask to do this with a resume or a comparable list of your activities, work experiences, interests, honors, and post-secondary plans to help them with this process.

Pre-College Calendar and Checklist



August

- Review your career plans and decide which type of school is right for you.
- Visit some college campuses.
- Narrow your college list to 3-5 schools.
- Request catalogs and admissions information.
- Contact your high school counselor for registration materials and test dates for the SAT and/or the ACT.
- Go to www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com to review scholarships available to you.

September

- Meet with admissions representatives who are visiting your school.
- Make a list of test names, dates, fees, registration deadlines, and of deadlines for college admissions and financial aid applications.
- Remember that you must take tests like the SAT and ACT at least six weeks before the deadline for scores to be submitted to colleges.
- Begin asking teachers, guidance counselors, and employers for letters of recommendation to include with your admissions and/or scholarship applications.
- Contact your high school counselor about applying for national, state, and local scholarships.

October

- Take the SAT or ACT exam, if necessary.
- Work on admissions application essays.
- Visit your top school choices. Interview some students, faculty, and staff.
- Attend special programs such as college fairs and financial aid nights.
- Find out which financial aid applications your college choices require and when the forms are due.
- Some private universities may require that you register for CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE™ at this time. (This determines your qualification for private school aid.)

November

- Take the SAT or ACT exam, if necessary.
- Obtain financial aid applications from your guidance office or college of choice. Read them carefully to determine what information is required and when the applications are due.
- Begin preparing your college applications. Check with the colleges to find out when materials must be postmarked.
- Get PIN for applying for federal aid online for

December

- Pick up a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at your high school counseling office or your local library. Begin working on it. **DO NOT SUBMIT IT BEFORE JANUARY 1.**
- Apply for outside funding or scholarships.
- PARENTS: Save your year-end payroll stub if it shows your earnings for the year. You may need it for financial aid eligibility reviews by schools.

January

- Submit your completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the processor as soon after January 1 as possible. You may complete your FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT.
- PARENTS: It's helpful to get your income tax returns prepared early—schools may request them to prove eligibility for financial aid.

February

- Attend a College Goal Sunday event near you.
- Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- Mail your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), if you have not already done so.
- Research taking Advanced Placement (AP) or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.
- Rank your finalized list of colleges.

March

- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail or via e-mail. Your SAR contains federal financial aid information.
- Submit SAR and tax forms to the financial aid office if requested. Contact each office to make certain that your application is complete. Find out what else you need to do to establish and maintain your eligibility for financial aid.
- Keep copies of all forms you submit to the financial aid office.
- If you have not received your Student Aid Report four weeks after sending in your FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (319) 337-5665.

April

- Watch the mail or your college e-mail account for college acceptance and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid awards you receive.
- Make your final decision and send in a deposit by the deadline.

April—Continued

- Check with the college you've chosen about the details of signing and returning financial aid award letters.
- Notify the other schools that you will not be attending.
- Watch for important deadlines at your chosen college (housing, financial aid, etc.).

May

- Take Advanced Placement (AP) examinations that are given in high schools nationwide.
- Finalize summer school or summer job plans.

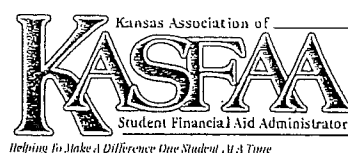
Priority Dates:

- March 15 for FAFSA
- April 1 for Kansas Board of Regent Scholarships

Important Websites:

- Early Financial Aid Estimator: www.act.org/fare/index.html
- Personal Identification Number to be used as signature for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.pin.ed.gov
- FAFSA online: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Scholarship Searches: www.fastweb.com or www.scholarships.com
- Scholarship Scam Alert: www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml
- Selective Service Registration: www.ssa.ed.gov
- Loan Repayment Calculator: www.finaid.org/calculators/loanpayments.phtml
- Kansas Board of Regents: www.kansasregents.org
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators: www.nasfaa.org/Home.asp
- National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA): www.ncaa.org
- NCAA Guide to the College Bound Athlete: www.ncaa.org/eligibility/cbsa/index.html
- Department of Education Student Guide: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/FYE/index.html>
- The College Board: www.collegeboard.com

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ONLINE RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

CAREER PLANNING

www.petersons.com

www.collegenet.com

www.allaboutcollege.com

<http://hotjobs.yahoo.com>

SCHOLARSHIP SITES FOR STUDENTS

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.fastweb.com/fastweb

www.chase.com/educationfirst

www.ed.gov/finaid.html

*www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.srnexpress.com

www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrchttop.html

<http://scholarships.salliemae.com>

FINANCIAL AID

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

www.collegeboard.com

www.gmsp.org

www.wiredscholar.com

www.collegeview.com

www.nasfaa.org

www.ukans.edu/~kasfaa

STUDY SKILLS/TEST PREP

www.testprep.com

www.eop.mu.edu/study/index.html

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.org

RESUME BANK

www.careermag.com

www.careersite.com

www.jobbankusa.com

www.collegerecruiter.com

Sample
Letter

Your Street Address
City, State ZIP Code
Date

Office of Admission
Name of College
Street Address
City, State ZIP code

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a student at _____ High School and will graduate
in _____ (month) _____, 19____.

Please send me an application for admission and information about your
college--a general information bulletin, college costs, and program
descriptions. I am considering _____ (See NOTE) as my major field of
study.

My parents and I also want to investigate all possible sources of
financial aid. Please send us an application form, instructions about
application procedures (how and when to apply), and any other informa-
tion that might be helpful.

I am interested in visiting your campus, taking a campus tour, and
meeting with an Admission Counselor. I would also like to meet with an
advisor in the _____ (major -- See NOTE) department, if possible. Please
advise me of a time on _____ (month/date) that would be convenient.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Your Signature)

Name

This sample letter includes requests
for:

- GENERAL INFORMATION
- APPLICATION FORMS
- A CAMPUS VISIT

You can modify this letter to accom-
modate your unique needs.



*Many colleges
encourage telephone
inquiries and requests.*

NOTE

About College Majors

It's okay to be undecided about
a major — most colleges provide
services to help students select
a major during the first and/or
second year.

Hints For A Campus Visit

A campus visit is highly recommended. Before you visit the campus, consider some of the options below. It is also important to develop a list of questions and plan specific activities in order to accomplish your goals.

- Meet with an admission officer.
- Verify admission requirements (tests and high school preparation).
- Discuss your chances for success.
- Obtain a school calendar and a catalog, if you don't already have them.
- Determine college costs.
- Ask about financial aid opportunities, as well as deadlines, forms required, etc.
- Meet with faculty in the academic area of interest to you.
- Ask questions about academic requirements/offerings.
- Attend a class to get an idea of typical size, teaching style, academic atmosphere.
- Ask about the placement record for graduates in the field you might study.
- Identify career planning services for undergraduates.
- Tour the campus. (Be sure to check out the dorms, dining hall, library, etc.)
- Talk to students about the general academic environment and the study commitment necessary for success.
- Find out what student activities (clubs, organizations, intramurals, etc.) are available.
- Inquire about campus life and social activities.
- Investigate transportation options.

College Comparison Worksheet **ACT**

COLLEGE NAME			
LOCATION • distance from home			
SIZE • enrollment • physical size of campus			
ENVIRONMENT • type of school (2 yr., 4 yr.) • school setting (urban, rural) • location & size of nearest city • co-ed, male, female • religious affiliation			
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS • deadline • tests required • average test scores, GPA, rank • notification			
ACADEMICS • your major offered • special requirements • accreditation • student-facility ratio • typical class size			
COLLEGE EXPENSES • tuition, room & board • estimated total budget • application fee, deposits			
FINANCIAL AID • deadline • required forms • % receiving aid • scholarships			
HOUSING • residence hall requirement • food plan			
FACILITIES • academic • recreational • other			
ACTIVITIES • clubs, organizations • greek life • athletics, intramurals • other			
CAMPUS VISITS • when • special opportunities			

State Funded Student Financial Assistance Programs Administered by the Kansas Board of Regents

Program	Description	Student Eligibility	School Eligibility	Service Obligation	Maximum Award Amount
Military Service Scholarship	Tuition assistance for those who have served since 9/11/01; part-time or full-time (min. 6 hrs.). Financial need is a priority in awarding the scholarship.	Students must have served in Iraq or Afghanistan post 9/11/01 in 1 of 3 military operations: Enduring Freedom, Nobel Eagle; or Iraqi Freedom.	2 yr & 4 yr public schools in KS; as well as vocational technical schools & colleges.	no	Tuition & required fees
Tuition Waiver Programs					
Foster Child Educational Assistance Program (This program is now administered by SRS.)	Tuition assistance for students who have been in foster care Full-time (min 12 hrs.)	Students who have been in SRS custody, or adopted from foster care after age 16; must have GED or high school diploma. Eligible through age 23.	2 yr & 4 yr public schools in KS; as well as vocational technical schools & colleges.	no	Tuition & required fees (Waived by the school)
Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Public Safety Officers	Tuition assistance for students who have lost a parent or spouse in the line of duty. Full-time or part-time enrollment.	Includes dependents or spouses of public safety officers who died as a result of injuries sustained while in the line of duty. Law enforcement officers, firefighters, & emergency medical services attendants. Eligible up to 10 semesters of undergraduate enrollment.	2 yr & 4 yr public schools in KS; as well as vocational technical schools & colleges.	no	Tuition & required fees (Bill to KBOR)
Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Military Personnel	Tuition assistance for students who have lost a parent or spouse on or after 9/11/01 while in active duty military service. Full-time or part-time enrollment.	Includes dependents or spouses of military personnel who died on or after 9/11/01 as a result of serving in active duty. Full-time or part-time enrollment. Eligible up to 10 semesters of undergraduate enrollment.	2 yr & 4 yr public schools in KS; as well as vocational technical schools & colleges.	no	Tuition & required fees (Bill to KBOR)

State Funded Student Financial Assistance Programs Administered by the Kansas Board of Regents

Program	Description	Student Eligibility	School Eligibility	Service Obligation	Maximum Award Amount
Former Prisoners of War	Tuition assistance for former Prisoners of War. Full-time or part-time enrollment	Includes individuals who, while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces were declared a POW by the U.S. Secretary of Defense after January 1, 1960. Full-time or part-time enrollment. Eligible up to 10 semesters of undergraduate enrollment.	2 yr & 4 yr public schools in KS; as well as vocational technical schools & colleges.	no	Tuition & required fees (Bill to KBOR)

Additional information regarding these student financial assistance programs can be accessed on our website at: www.kansasregents.org

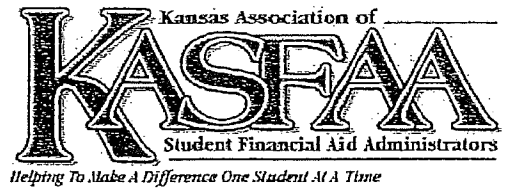
State Funded Student Financial Assistance Programs Administered by the Kansas Board of Regents

Program	Description	Student Eligibility	School Eligibility	Service Obligation	Maximum Award Amount
<i>Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship</i>	Need-based, if applications greatly exceed funding. Full-time enrollment.	Acceptance into a Kansas nursing program. Pre-nursing not funded. Student must obtain a sponsor to partially fund scholarship. For students in either LPN or RN programs.	2 year & 4 year public & private schools in KS; as well as vocational-technical schools & colleges	yes; must be employed as a nurse 1 yr for each yr. of scholarship assistance.	\$3,500/RN \$2,500/LPN
<i>Kansas Vocational Scholarship</i>	Students with highest Differential Aptitude Test (DAT) scores awarded. Preference given to renewals.	Must be enrolled in an approved* vocational program. *Approved program would be at an eligible institution that awards Title IV funding & has its' main campus or principal place of operation located in KS. Cannot be a program that leads to a baccalaureate degree.	Vocational-technical schools & colleges; & some 2 yr programs at 4yr public institutions.	no	\$500
<i>Kansas Career Work Study</i>	Work study program designed to help fund career-related part-time positions in the private sector. Full-time enrollment.	Loosely need-based.	4 year public schools in KS	no	Variable
<i>Kansas Reserve Officer Training Corp Service Scholarship</i>	Students in campus ROTC programs. Full-time enrollment.	Student agrees to accept a commission as a Second Lt. & serve for not less than 4 years as a commissioned officer in the KS Army National Guard.	Program available at KSU, PSU, KU & Washburn and some community colleges	yes; must serve for not less than 4 yrs. as an officer in Nat'l. Guard.	Variable; but not to exceed 70% of cost of attendance at student's school.
<i>National Guard Tuition Assistance Program</i>	Tuition assistance for members of a KS Air or Army National Guard Unit. Full-time enrollment.	Must be member of a KS Air or Army National Guard Unit.	2 year & 4 year public & private schools in KS; as well as vocational-technical schools & colleges.	no	up to 100% tuition & fees

State Funded Student Financial Assistance Programs Administered by the Kansas Board of Regents

Program	Description	Student Eligibility	School Eligibility	Service Obligation	Maximum Award Amount
<i>Kansas Comprehensive Grant</i>	Need-based state grant program. Full-time enrollment.	Need-based; Student eligible to receive KCG 8 semesters or 10 semesters, if in a required 5 yr. program.	4 year private & public schools in KS	no	\$3,500 private schools \$1,500 public schools
<i>Kansas State Scholarship</i>	Merit & need-based scholarship program. Students must complete Kansas Scholars Curriculum courses. Full-time enrollment.	Index score is used that combines student's high school GPA & ACT score to determine cut-off for awards. Average GPA & ACT for 2009 high school graduates was 3.89 & 29. Students must maintain a 3.00 GPA for renewal.	2 year & 4 year public & private schools in KS	no	\$1,000
<i>Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship</i>	Merit & need-based scholarship program available to students of the following ethnic & racial groups: African American; American Indian, Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander; & Native American. Full-time enrollment.	Preference given to incoming freshmen students. Must maintain 2.00 gpa for renewal	2 year & 4 year public & private schools in KS	no	\$1,850
<i>Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship</i>	Merit-based scholarship program. Students must be planning to teach in either a hard-to-fill discipline or under-served geographic area of KS. Full-time or part-time enrollment.	Preference given to students in junior/senior yr in college and current teachers seeking endorsement &/or licensure in hard-to-fill teaching disciplines.	Primarily 4 year public & private schools in KS; Possibly 2 year public & private schools if student has acquired close to junior level status.	yes; must teach 1 yr for each yr. of scholarship assistance	\$2,687/semester; Awards are pro-rated based on number of hours enrolled.

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Student & Family Resources

<i>Site</i>	<i>Web Address</i>	<i>Uses</i>
Bureau of Indian Affairs	www.bia.gov	Certification of Indian Ancestry, Educational grants
CollegeBoard	www.collegeboard.com	ACT/SAT prep, scholarship search, college search/planning
College Goal Sunday	www.collegegoal.org	Free FAFSA application assistance
College.gov	www.college.gov	College planning/resource guide
Direct Loan MPN	www.studentloans.gov	Complete online MPN for Direct Loans
Direct Loan Servicing Center	www.dl.ed.gov/borrower	Make online direct student loan payments, account & payment history
FAFSA4caster	www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov	Get early estimates of federal financial aid eligibility
Federal Student Aid	www.studentaid.ed.gov	Planning for college, paying for college, and repaying student loans. Guide/information to federal aid programs, tools & other resources
Federal Student Aid Ombudsman Office	www.ombudsman.ed.gov	Helps resolve disputes with Federal student loans
FinAid!- The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid	www.finaid.org	Informational- loan calculators, forgiveness & repayment options, scholarship
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	www.fafsa.gov	Apply for all federal aid programs.
Kansas Board of Regents	www.kansasregents.org	Information/application for state of Kansas aid programs
Learning Quest (529 Plans)	www.learningquestsavings.com	College Savings Plan
Loan Consolidation	www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov	Review Loan Consolidation options, apply for consolidation federal loan
Mapping Your Future	www.mappingyourfuture.org	College & Career Planning
NSLDS-National Student Loan Data System	www.nsls.ed.gov	Students can review & access Title IV loan & grant history/Loan Exit Counseling
Personal Identification Number (PIN)	www.pin.ed.gov	Students & Parents can apply for PIN
Selective Service	www.sss.gov	Request Selective Service documentation
Social Security Administration	www.ssa.gov	Get benefit information, find local office, SSN verification
Students.gov	www.students.gov	Student gateway to U.S govt. Including college planning, military scholarship resources, & more
Upromise	www.upromise.com	College Savings Plan
U.S. Citizenship & Immigration	www.uscis.gov	Information regarding citizenship status
Veterans Benefits	www.gibill.va.gov	Veteran's Benefits Information

Scholarship Searches

<i>General Scholarship Search Engines</i>	<i>Web Address</i>	<i>Uses</i>
Federal Student Aid	http://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship	
Fastweb	www.fastweb.com	
College Answer	www.collegeanswer.com	
Broke Scholar	www.brokescholar.com	
Scholarships.com	www.scholarships.com	
StudentAwards.com	www.studentawards.com	
FastAid	www.fastaid.com	
FindTuition.com	www.findtuition.com/scholarships	
Scholarship Hunter	www.scholarshiphunter.com	
Scholarships 101	www.scholarships101.com	
SuperCollege	www.supercollege.com	
Minority Student Resources		
America's Black Collegians	www.am-blk-coll.com	
Hispanic College Fund	www.hispanicfund.org	
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	www.hsf.net	
American Indian College Fund	www.collegefund.org	
United Negro College Fund	www.uncf.org	
Black Excel	www.blackexcel.org	
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund	www.apiasf.org	
Black College Dollars	www.blackcollegedollars.org	
Bureau of Indian Education	www.bie.edu	
Gates Millennium Scholars	www.gmsp.org	
Latino College Dollars	www.latinocollegedollars.org	
Scholarship for Hispanics	www.scholarshipsforhispanics.com	
U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce	http://uspaacc.com/index.php/programs/college-scholarships/	
Military Scholarship Resources		
Military Scholarship Finder	www.military.com/scholarships	
Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs	http://www.kcva.org/vb/	
Kansas Military Service Scholarship	http://www.kansasregents.org/scholarships and grants	
Disabled Student Resources		
FinAid for Disabled Students	www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml	
Disability Resources	www.disabilityinfo.gov	
National Center for Learning Disabilities	http://www.nclld.org/	
International Student Resources		
Scholarship Searches-International	www.iefaf.org	
Scholarship Searches-International	www.internationalstudent.com	
Other Scholarship Resources		
Scholarship Experts	www.scholarshipexperts.com	
Scholarship Help	www.scholarshiphelp.org	
Scholarship Scams	www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml	
American Association of School Administrators	www.aasa.org	
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	www.gkccf.org	

Post-Secondary Institutions in Kansas

<u>Kansas Community Colleges</u>			<u>Kansas 4-Year Privates</u>		
Allen County Community College	Iola	www.allencc.edu	1. Baker University	Baldwin City	www.bakeru.edu
Barton County Community College	Great Bend	www.bartonccc.edu	2. Barclay College	Haviland	www.barclaycollege.edu
Butler County Community College	El Dorado	www.butlercc.edu	3. Benedictine College	Atchison	www.benedictine.edu
Cloud County Community College	Concordia	www.cloud.edu	4. Bethany College	Lindsborg	www.bethanylb.edu
Coffeyville Community College	Coffeyville	www.coffeyville.edu	5. Bethel College	North Newton	www.bethelks.edu
Colby Community College	Colby	www.colbycc.edu	6. Central Baptist Theological Seminary	Shawnee	www.cbts.edu
Cowley County Community College	Arkansas City	www.cowley.edu	7. Central Christian College	McPherson	www.centralchristian.edu
Dodge City Community College	Dodge City	www.dc3.edu	8. Donnelly College	Kansas City	www.donnelly.edu
Fort Scott Community College	Fort Scott	www.fortscott.edu	9. Friends University	Wichita	www.friends.edu
Garden City Community College	Garden City	www.gcccks.edu	10. Haskell University	Lawrence	www.haskell.edu
Highland Community College	Highland	www.highlandcc.edu	11. KC College and Bible School	Overland Park	www.kccbs.edu
Hutchinson Community College	Hutchinson	www.hutchcc.edu	12. Kansas Wesleyan University	Salina	www.kwu.edu
Independence Community College	Independence	www.indvcc.edu	13. Manhattan Christian College	Manhattan	www.mccks.edu
Johnson County Community College	Overland Park	www.jccc.edu	14. McPherson College	McPherson	www.mcpherson.edu
Kansas City Community College	Kansas City	www.kckcc.cc.ks.us	15. MidAmerica Nazarene University	Olathe	www.mnu.edu
Labette Community College	Parsons	www.labette.edu	16. Newman University	Wichita	www.newmanu.edu
Neosho County Community College	Chanute	www.neosho.edu	17. Ottawa University	Ottawa	www.ottawa.edu
Pratt Community College	Pratt	www.prattcc.edu	18. Southwestern College	Winfield	www.sckans.edu
Seward County Community College/ Area Technical School	Liberal	www.sccc.edu	19. Sterling College	Sterling	www.sterling.edu
			20. Tabor College	Hillsboro	www.tabor.edu
			21. University of Saint Mary	Leavenworth	www.stmary.edu
<u>Kansas Technical Schools</u>			<u>Kansas Public Universities</u>		
Flint Hills Technical College	Emporia	www.fhtc.edu	1. Emporia State University	Emporia	www.emporia.edu
Kansas City Kansas Area Technical	Kansas City	www.kckats.edu	2. Fort Hays State University	Hays	www.fhsu.edu
Kaw Area Technical School	Topeka	www.kats.tec.ks.us	3. Kansas State University	Manhattan	www.k-state.edu
Manhattan Area Technical College	Manhattan	www.matc.edu	4. Kansas State Univ. at Salina	Salina	www.salina.k-state.edu
North Central Kansas Technical College	Beloit	www.ncktc.edu	5. Pittsburg State University	Pittsburg	www.pittstate.edu
Northwest Kansas Technical College	Goodland	www.nwktc.edu	6. University of Kansas	Lawrence	www.ku.edu
Salina Technical College	Salina	www.salinatech.edu	7. Univ. of Kansas- Med Center	Kansas City	www.kumc.edu
Wichita Area Technical College	Wichita	www.watc.edu	8. Wichita State University	Wichita	www.wichita.edu
<u>Kansas 2-Year Privates</u>			<u>Municipal University</u>		
Hesston College	Hesston	www.hesston.edu	1. Washburn University	Topeka	www.washburn.edu

Senior Year:

Attend your area CPC

*By your senior year, you may be receiving college materials in the mail daily. **TIP** - buy a file box with dividers and label each divider with the name of a college you are considering. You will have an organized place to store the college information until it is convenient for you to sit down and review it. This prevents you from tossing it aside until there is time to look at it and then eventually throwing it away without giving it a second glance.*

Plan to take the ACT and/or SAT

Take the ACT or SAT early enough in case you want to take it again before scholarship deadlines. Scholarship deadlines occur between November and March of your senior year. Be sure you know the deadlines for the institutions you are considering.

Meet with College Representatives at Your High School

Admission Counselors from many colleges make individual visits to high schools. Watch for announcements when the representative from colleges on your list will be visiting your high school and be sure to sign up to see them.

Narrow your College selection

*Try to narrow your college choice to 3-5 colleges. Follow through completely with your top choices by applying for admission and sending your test scores and a partial high school transcript for both admission and scholarship purposes. Once you have applied for admission to a college, you are a **TOP PRIORITY** at that college and should receive pertinent information regarding scholarships, enrollment, housing, and financial aid. If you are just on the mailing list, you may or may not receive this important information.*

Schedule a campus visit

A campus visit may consist of a tour of the campus, including residence halls, a visit with an admissions representative, meeting with a faculty member, attending a class, and eating lunch in the dining hall. Campus visits will influence your decision.

Crunch Time

January of your senior year, you must meet with your guidance counselor about financial aid opportunities, scholarships, and all the various contracts, deposits, and pre-enrollment information colleges will be requesting from you. This is a crucial time period important to your future!

Be sure not to procrastinate!