



**STUDENT FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
ADMINISTERED BY  
KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS**

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Financial assistance to postsecondary students can take the form of grants, scholarships, or loans. The aid can be available through the federal or state government, private corporations, and philanthropic organizations. The Kansas Board of Regents is responsible for the administration of 22 student financial assistance programs for the State of Kansas totaling 67.3 million in scholarships for FY 2025.

Each of the state-funded programs is established by state law, several of which require annual reports to the Legislature and Governor. Reports for the Kansas Promise Scholarship, Adult Learner Grant and Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship are detailed in separate documents; this report fulfills the remaining statutory requirements and provides an overview of the student financial assistance programs administered by the Kansas Board of Regents.

## STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

Program	Applicants	Student Awards	Percent of Applicants Awarded	Amount Awarded/Allocated	Average Award	Max Award
<b>Undergraduate Programs</b>						
Kansas Comprehensive Grant: All Institutions	22,900	13,205	57.7%	\$40,548,342	\$3,071	\$10,000 privates/ \$4,000 publics
Private Independents	3,903	3,025	77.5%	\$20,274,171	\$6,702	\$10,000
State Universities	16,104	9,206	57.2%	\$18,765,827	\$2,038	\$4,000
Washburn University	2,893	974	33.7%	\$1,508,344	\$1,549	\$4,000
Kansas State Scholarship	1,814	1,699	93.7%	\$1,651,920	\$972	\$1,000
Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship*	901	478	53.1%	\$2,438,791	\$5,102	Varies
Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship	113	104	92.0%	\$172,599	\$1,660	Varies
Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship	590	216	36.6%	\$942,750	\$4,365	\$5,000 RN/ \$4,000 LPN
Kansas Career Technical Workforce Grant	1,005	175	17.4%	\$133,500	\$763	\$1,000
Kansas Career Work Study Program	264	264	100.0%	\$546,813	\$2,071	Varies
ROTC Service Scholarship	57	45	78.9%	\$178,138	\$3,959	Varies
National Guard Educational Assistance Program	841	760	90.4%	\$5,315,467	\$6,994	Varies
Military Service Scholarship	176	34	19.3%	\$104,137	\$3,063	Varies
Tuition Waivers (Hero's Scholarship & Wrongfully Convicted)	357	347	97.2%	\$3,305,243	\$9,525	Varies
Kansas Promise Act Scholarship	9,067	2,504	27.6%	\$10,370,690	\$4,142	Varies
Governor's Scholars Program	9	5	N/A	\$8,325	\$1,665	Varies
Computer Science Educator Scholarship	14	2	14.3%	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Adult Learner Grant	332	162	48.8%	\$763,804	\$4,715	\$3,000/semester

\*The Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship can be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students; up to 30% of the appropriation may be used for the teacher education competitive grant program, per K.S.A. 74-32,107b and K.S.A. 74-32,107c.

### Graduate/Professional Programs

Kansas Osteopathic Service Scholarship	16	10	62.5%	\$389,000	\$38,900	\$41,000
Kansas Optometry Service Scholarship	32	30	93.8%	\$107,089	\$3,570	Varies
Kansas Dental Education Opportunities Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kansas EMERGE	39	35	89.7%	\$220,920	\$6,312	Varies
Nurse Educator Scholarship	43	34	79.1%	\$107,402	\$3,159	Varies
James B. Pearson Fellowship*	0	0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	Varies
Kansas Distinguished Scholarship	4	3	75.0%	\$21,962	\$7,321	Varies

\*Privately funded.

# KANSAS COMPREHENSIVE GRANT (K.S.A. 74-32,120, et seq.)

## PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The Kansas Board of Regents administers the Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program (KCG), a state grant program created in 1998 by merging three separate grant programs to address the needs of Kansas students. By statute, the program has a five-member advisory committee with financial aid directors from two state universities, one from Washburn University and two from the private non-profit institutions. Students receiving an award must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time, and submit the federal student financial aid application. Students must meet satisfactory academic progress in their college-level courses for renewal of the scholarship in future years.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the program provided for a maximum individual grant, for a student enrolled at a state educational institution or municipal university, of up to \$4,000 maximum and a minimum award of \$100. The maximum individual grant awarded for a student enrolled at an independent institution is \$10,000 and a minimum award of \$200. Each institution receives an annual allocation based upon the breadth and depth of financial need of eligible applicants. Institutions also receive an awarding flowchart from Regents' staff to ensure a student receives similar awarding consideration at all institutions. Institutions submit annual reports of applicants, recipients and match funding to the Board of Regents.

Before FY 2012, the program was also supported with federal funds, which are no longer available. FY 2022 saw a one-time \$8.0 million appropriation from the Legislature's effort to maintain state effort to ensure the state's qualification for federal K-12 COVID funding. FY 2023 was enhanced by an additional \$19.0 million base increase, but which carried a \$1:\$1 match from the institutions for the first time for that portion of the appropriation. For FY 2024, the full appropriation had a legislative requirement for \$1:\$1 match from the institutions, which was continued in FY 2025.

	<b>State Funding Allocated to Institutions</b>	<b>Awards to Students*</b>	<b>Required Match by Institutions</b>	<b>Institutions' Reported Match</b>	<b>Students Receiving Awards from State Funding</b>
FY 2015	\$15,758,338	\$16,283,907	n/a	n/a	10,059
FY 2016	\$15,758,338	\$15,758,338	n/a	n/a	8,069
FY 2017	\$15,758,338	\$15,758,338	n/a	n/a	8,999
FY 2018	\$15,758,338	\$15,758,338	n/a	n/a	8,770
FY 2019	\$15,758,338	\$15,758,338	n/a	n/a	9,200
FY 2020	\$16,258,338	\$16,658,338	n/a	n/a	9,545
FY 2021	\$16,258,338	\$16,258,338	n/a	n/a	8,731
FY 2022	\$16,258,338	\$24,258,338	n/a	n/a	9,971
FY 2023	\$35,258,338	\$35,222,381	\$19,000,000	\$24,899,778	13,704
FY 2024	\$35,258,338	\$34,897,433	\$35,248,337	\$43,150,970	13,901
FY 2025	\$40,258,338	\$37,319,832	\$40,258,338	\$47,603,782	13,205

*\*As reported by institutions; institutions are allowed to retain unspent KCG for future years; several institutions did not meet the match threshold in FY 2023, 2024 and 2025 and their share of unmatched state monies was returned for allocation to other institutions in the subsequent fiscal year.*

# **KANSAS CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT (K.S.A. 74-32,423, et seq.)**

## **PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM**

The purpose of the grant program is to encourage individuals to further their education and provide the benefit of their employment to the State of Kansas to assist in the development of a strong state workforce in high demand, critical industry employment fields.

## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Grants are awarded to students who are residents of Kansas and have graduated from a high school accredited by the State Board of Education, received a high school equivalency credential, or have graduated from a home school program or a non-accredited private secondary school. Students must be enrolled in or have been accepted for admission to an eligible career technical education program operated by a designated Kansas educational institution that has been identified as offering a technical certificate or associate of applied science degree program in a high cost, high demand, or critical industry field. Designated Kansas educational institutions include technical colleges, community colleges, and public four-year institutions that award associate of applied science degrees; and Washburn Institute of Technology. Only technical certificate and associate of applied science degree programs are included among the eligible programs. Students may be enrolled either part-time or full-time in their program of study. Awards for part-time students are pro-rated.

## **Selection Criteria**

The selection criteria used by the Kansas Board of Regents in selecting recipients includes Kansas resident status and admission or enrollment in a designated high demand, critical industry program of study at a designated Kansas educational institution. Preference is given to applicants with financial need as measured by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The maximum amount of the award is \$1,000 per year for full-time students. Part-time student awards are proportionate based on the number of credit hours the student is enrolled in per academic period, when computed as a fraction of full-time enrollment. Funding for the program is subject to the availability of resources. Awards are renewable, contingent upon the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress, continuous enrollment in a high demand, critical industry field, submission of a renewal grant application, and the availability of funding.

	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Students</b>
FY 2017	\$93,650	107
FY 2018	\$123,800	147
FY 2019	\$174,850	208
FY 2020	\$126,650	138
FY 2021	\$138,650	160
FY 2022	\$174,689	219
FY 2023	\$114,075	121
FY 2024	\$150,850	186
FY 2025	\$133,500	175

The program does not have any state appropriation for FY 2026 and no state funding is anticipated in the near future.

# NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (K.S.A. 74-3291)

## PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This program is designed to reduce recurrent nurse shortages, especially in rural Kansas and certain medical fields (mental health and substance abuse treatment).

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship requires an obligation to practice as an LPN or RN in Kansas. Students must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more) in a Kansas nursing program and agree to provide one year of nursing service for each year of scholarship support. This full-time enrollment requirement will change to allow part-time students to participate beginning in FY 2027. Recipients who do not serve must repay the scholarship amount with interest.

The scholarship awards are \$4,000 for an LPN student and \$5,000 for an RN student. If the student identifies a sponsoring employer, the scholarships are \$5,000 for an LPN and \$6,250 for RN students. An eligible 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 cannot be located in Butler, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Reno, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte Counties. The sponsor provides employment upon licensure of the recipient. The 2017 Legislature amended the program to give priority to qualified applicants whose sponsor is a mental health or treatment facility. An applicant does not have to be a Kansas resident, but the employing sponsor must be in Kansas. The program is financed by State General Fund appropriations.

Recipients who do not serve must repay the scholarship amount at 5% interest rate as of the date when the student fell out of compliance with the service agreement. The 2024 Legislature made a variety of amendments to the program at the request of the Board of Regents, such as removing the limit on the number of nursing service scholarships awarded each year and removed provisions requiring a certain number of the scholarships to be awarded to nursing students whose sponsors are located in rural areas, who are enrolled in a course of instruction leading to licensure as a registered professional nurse, and who are enrolled in a course of instruction leading to licensure as a licensed practical nurse. Priority for scholarships was changed to qualified applicants with the greatest financial need.

	<b>State General Fund</b>	<b>Sponsors' Funding</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Students</b>
FY 2015	\$184,375	\$87,375	\$271,750	95
FY 2016	\$155,000	\$70,750	\$225,750	80
FY 2017	\$126,750	\$57,000	\$183,750	66
FY 2018	\$126,750	\$57,750	\$184,500	59
FY 2019	\$190,250	\$83,750	\$274,000	84
FY 2020	\$259,125	\$143,000	\$402,125	110
FY 2021	\$258,125	\$132,375	\$390,500	109
FY 2022	\$210,750	\$122,000	\$332,750	95
FY 2023	\$417,255	\$162,250	\$488,050	129
FY 2024	\$447,620	\$185,625	\$633,245	115
FY 2025	\$942,750	\$ --	\$942,760	216

# KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (K.S.A. 74-32,233, et seq.)

## PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

This program is designed to assist designated State Scholars with financial need who plan to be full-time students enrolled at an accredited Kansas institution. Kansas high school counselors identify the students who are eligible for designation and a match is performed by staff to locate students enrolled at the participating Kansas postsecondary institutions.

For designation as a state scholar, the Kansas Scholars Curriculum must be completed, and an index utilizing the ACT Composite Score and the cumulative high school GPA measured at the end of the 7th semester is calculated. Approximately 2,000 scholars are designated each year across the state.

The Kansas Scholars Curriculum consists of the following:

- Four Years of English;
- Four Years of Mathematics;
- Three Years of Science;
- Three Years of Social Studies; and
- Two Years of World Language

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS

The scholarship program currently provides for an annual maximum individual grant of \$1,000 to designated high school seniors or students currently enrolled in one of Kansas' post-secondary institutions who have financial need.

Recipients must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time and have submitted the federal student financial aid application and the state application. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 college GPA measured at the end of each spring semester.

	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Students</b>
FY 2015	\$937,446	933
FY 2016	\$870,456	800
FY 2017	\$928,528	678
FY 2018	\$807,846	770
FY 2019	\$770,578	989
FY 2020	\$972,713	735
FY 2021	\$701,463	682
FY 2022	\$464,953	503
FY 2023	\$535,005	573
FY 2024	\$1,698,538	1,806
FY 2025	\$1,651,920	1,699

## **KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (K.S.A. 74-32,100, et seq.)**

### **PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM**

This program is designed 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. It provides financial assistance to Kansas resident 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 planning to teach (K-12) in an underserved geographic area in Kansas.

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must complete the State of Kansas Student Aid Application. This is a merit-based scholarship which cumulative college GPA factors in the awarding decision. Recipients are eligible to receive funding for up to ten semesters, which may include a combination of both undergraduate and graduate work, and students must continue to maintain satisfactory academic progress each year. Recipients will be eligible for up to \$6,660 per academic year (\$3,430 per semester) for full-time enrollment in AY 2027. Awards for part-time students are pro-rated. The number of recipients awarded is dependent on state funding levels. This scholarship has a service obligation, recipients complete one year of teaching for each year of scholarship funding. Teaching service is not counted until the recipient has completed the degree program for which they were awarded funds.

	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Average Award</b>
FY 2015	\$921,868	221	\$4,171
FY 2016	\$799,322	207	\$3,861
FY 2017	\$650,109	160	\$4,063
FY 2018	\$881,826	195	\$4,522
FY 2019	\$1,328,018	349	\$3,805
FY 2020	\$1,787,601	466	\$3,836
FY 2021	\$1,392,742	324	\$4,299
FY 2022	\$1,212,405	270	\$4,490
FY 2023	\$2,293,659	484	\$4,739
FY 2024	\$2,714,722	546	\$4,972
FY 2025	\$3,088,761	478	\$6,462

In FY 2025, the designated hard-to-fill disciplines included Elementary Education, English, Math, Science and Special Education. 404 students received awards in courses of instruction leading to licensure in hard-to-fill disciplines last year.

In FY 2025, 74 awards were made to applicants enrolled in courses of instruction leading to licensure as a teacher in an underserved area. Those underserved areas include USD 501 Topeka; USD 500 Kansas City, KS; USD 259 Wichita, and Kansas State Board of Education Districts 5, 7, & 9.

## KANSAS TEACHER EDUCATION COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM (K.S.A. 74-32,107b, K.S.A. 74-32,107c)

The Kansas Teacher Education Competitive Grant Program (KTECGP) was established in 2007 House Bill 2185 to increase the number of licensed teachers in hard-to-fill disciplines and/or underserved geographic areas of the state. The statute allows up to 30% of the appropriation for the Teacher's Service Scholarship Program to be devoted to this grant program.

The Kansas Board of Regents administers this grant in which the six state universities and Washburn University are eligible to apply for funds. Institutions may use grant funds to create a new teacher education program or expand an existing program and must match grant funds on the basis of \$1 from the institution to every \$2 received from the grant. In the 2021 round, applicants were asked to create this program in partnership with at least one Kansas community college to develop new transfer pathways for future educators.

This initiative, which provides resources to institutions, is contingent upon funds available in the Teacher Service Scholarship Program, which provides financial support for students pursuing teaching careers in Kansas. The chart below outlines the projects and funds awarded. Grant programs are reviewed each January, and funds are reallocated based on each program's success & areas of growth.

INSTITUTION	PROJECT- Target areas & Community College Partners	Amount Awarded for AY2023-24	Amount Awarded for AY2024-25	Amount Awarded for AY2025-26
Emporia State University	<b>FAST: Fellowship for Acceleration to Student Teaching</b> Elementary Education  Butler Community College, Johnson County Community College, Highland Community College, Topeka USD 501, Kansas City Kansas USD 500, & Wichita USD 259	\$106,000  +\$7,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	\$110,000  +\$10,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	  <b>\$80,000</b>
Fort Hays State University	<b>Classroom to Classroom Project (C2C)</b> Elementary Education & Elementary Special Education  Barton Community College, Dodge City Community College, Seward County Community College, & Liberal USD 480	\$36,854  +\$7,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	\$36,854  +\$10,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	  <b>\$10,000</b>
Kansas State University	<b>TRUST: Training for Rural &amp; Urban School Teachers</b> Elementary & Secondary Education  Kansas City Kansas Community College & Seward County Community College	\$140,135  +\$7,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	\$170,000  +\$10,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	  <b>\$170,000</b>
Pittsburg State University	<b>EEU Para2Teach Project</b> Elementary Education & Elementary Special Education  Fort Scott Community College, Independence Community College, Neosho Community College, Southeast Kansas Interlocal, Tri-County Special Education Interlocal, & Paola USD 368	\$144,264  +\$7,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	\$160,000  +\$10,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	  <b>\$160,000</b>

INSTITUTION	PROJECT- Target areas & Community College Partners	Amount Awarded for AY2023-24	Amount Awarded for AY2024-25	Amount Awarded for AY2025-26
University of Kansas	<b>Expanding the World of Teaching through Enhanced Teacher Education Pathways</b> Elementary Education, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Sciences & Special Ed  Kansas City Kansas Community College & KCKPS USD 500	<b>\$65,106</b>  +\$7,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	<b>\$80,000</b>  +\$10,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	(Institution elected to discontinue)
Washburn University	<b>PTP: Paraprofessionals to Teachers Program</b> --Special Education or STEM Education  Barton Community College, Topeka USD 501, Prairie Hills USD 113, Seaman USD 345, & Auburn Washburn USD 437	<b>\$36,854</b>  +\$7,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	<b>\$100,000</b>  +\$10,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	<b>\$100,000</b>
Wichita State University	<b>Strengthening Pathways from Students to Teacher: Filling Special Education &amp; Elementary Classroom Vacancies</b> Special Education or STEM Education  Butler Community College, WSU Tech, & Wichita USD 259	<b>\$90,000</b>  +\$7,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	<b>\$90,000</b>  +\$10,000 additional funds for Teacher Ed. Marketing	<b>\$130,000</b>
	<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$668,213</b>	<b>\$816,854</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>

## **KANSAS CAREER WORK STUDY (K.S.A. 74-3274, et seq.)**

### **PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM**

To assist companies to provide career related work experiences to Kansas residents enrolled at Regents institutions and Washburn University.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS**

The Career Work Study program provides at least one-half of a student's wage to be paid by the employer and up to one-half to be paid by the institution using funds from the Kansas Work Study program.

Students work about 15-20 hours per week and are encouraged to work in a job related to their field of study. The Board of Regents staff, based on enrollment patterns and funding from the federal College Work Study program, allocates funds among the institutions. The pay range is \$7.25 - \$15.00/hour and the hours worked per week range are one to 40 hours. Data reflected below covers only the state funding, not other employer funds.

	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Students</b>
FY 2015	\$496,813	379
FY 2016	\$498,332	364
FY 2017	\$446,813	294
FY 2018	\$496,813	276
FY 2019	\$528,174	327
FY 2020	\$528,174	332
FY 2021	\$528,174	234
FY 2022	\$565,452	233
FY 2023	\$546,813	215
FY 2024	\$546,813	326
FY 2025	\$546,813	264

## **KANSAS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (K.S.A. 74-3282(d))**

### **PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM**

This program was created to encourage Brasenose, Chevening, Fulbright, Madison, Marshall, Mellon, Rhodes, and Truman scholars from Kansas to continue their graduate studies at Kansas public universities. Kansas reimburses tuition and fees to recipients, subject to funding constraints.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND MECHANICS**

There is not a specific scholarship application for the Kansas Distinguished Scholarship Program, however applicants provide the Board office with a letter stating their educational plans (including where they will be attending school) along with a copy of the letter designating their scholarship (Truman, Fulbright, etc.).

In terms of making the awards, it is a first-come, first-served order. There is \$25,000 available to award in this program and once the funding has been distributed for an academic year, no additional awards can be made. The scholarship – according to statutory language – will cover tuition & fees for a student enrolled full-time in a graduate program of study.

	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Students</b>
FY 2015	\$25,000	2
FY 2016	\$25,000	1
FY 2017	\$10,005	2
FY 2018	\$22,500	2
FY 2019	\$27,616	2
FY 2020	\$25,000	2
FY 2021	\$25,000	2
FY 2022	\$12,956	2
FY 2023	\$13,627	2
FY 2024	\$19,180	3
FY 2025	\$21,962	3

## **KANSAS HONORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (K.S.A. 74-32,243, et seq.)**

This program offered tuition for high school students attending honors programs that were rotated among the Regents universities each summer. No activity has been recorded since 2003 as the program was suspended in the budget, although the statutes remain in place (K.S.A. 74-32,240 through 74-32,245), including the requirement that an annual report be provided to the Legislature.

Subsequent to the discontinuance of this program, the 2006 Legislature enacted SB 139 that established the Kansas Academy of Math & Science (KAMS) at Fort Hays State University. KAMS is Kansas' premier early college program designed to provide a STEM-focused academic experience for gifted & talented 11th & 12th grade students.

KAMS provides students with a residential early college experience and features a blend of:

- College-level instruction by Ph.D. faculty at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas;
- A high school diploma and over 60 hours of college credit;
- An opportunity to earn an Associate of General Studies (A.G.S.) in Science from FHSU;
- Hands-on research & travel experiences;
- Leadership development and civic engagement opportunities;
- Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities; and
- A safe residential environment that fosters learning.