



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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October is “College Application Month” in Kansas

(Topeka, Kansas) - For the second year in a row, Governor Sam Brownback has signed a proclamation declaring October "Apply Kansas: College Application Month," encouraging all high school seniors to take advantage of the assistance provided through this initiative.

Launched as part of the American College Application Campaign, "Apply Kansas " seeks to increase the number of students who apply to college early in their senior year, with a focus on students from low-income families, first-generation students, and students who may not otherwise apply to college.

Launched in 2015, “Apply Kansas” had 11 schools participate last year with 1,543 students receiving support and a total of 2,273 applications submitted.

"This initiative will help more Kansas students realize the dream of attending college and set them on the path toward completing their educational goals as well as their career goals," stated Regent Helen Van Etten, Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents Academic Affairs Standing Committee.

This will be the second year of "Apply Kansas" activities, which will include events scheduled throughout the month of October. Taking place during the school day, students will receive application assistance with the goal of each participating student submitting at least one college application. Students may apply to any college of their choice, including all the public universities, community colleges and technical colleges in the state, as well as all 19 independent colleges in Kansas.

“Apply Kansas” events are coordinated by each participating high school and utilize trained volunteers and school staff to offer support, including helping students gather information necessary to complete an application, reviewing admission standards with students before applying to their college of choice, and completing application fee waiver forms, if needed.

October events are currently scheduled at the following high schools:

- Derby High School (Derby, KS)
- Dodge City High School (Dodge City, KS)
- F. L. Schlagle High School (Kansas City, KS)
- Field Kindley Memorial High School (Coffeyville, KS)
- Garden City High School (Garden City, KS)
- J. C. Harmon High School (Kansas City, KS)
- McPherson High School (McPherson, KS)
- Newton High School (Newton, KS)
- Nickerson High School (Nickerson, KS)
- Olathe East High School (Olathe, KS)
- Olathe North High School (Olathe, KS)
- Parsons High School (Parsons, KS)
- Shawnee Mission North High School (Shawnee Mission, KS)
- Shawnee Mission South High School (Overland Park, KS)
- Shawnee Mission West High School (Overland Park, KS)
- Turner High School (Kansas City, KS)
- Washington High School (Kansas City, KS)

- Wichita East High School (Wichita, KS)
- Wichita Heights High School (Wichita, KS)
- Wichita High School Northwest High School (Wichita, KS)
- Wichita North High School (Wichita, KS)
- Wichita Northeast Magnet High School (Wichita, KS)
- Wichita South High School (Wichita, KS)
- Wichita Southeast High School (Wichita, KS)
- Wichita West High School (Wichita, KS)
- Wyandotte High School (Kansas City, KS)

For communities that do not have an event scheduled, helpful advice for high school seniors can be found here: <http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/middle-and-high-school-students/make-a-plan.html>

"Apply Kansas: College Application Month" is an initiative being coordinated by a statewide steering committee organized by the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (KACRAO), which includes representatives from the Kansas Board of Regents, public postsecondary institutions, independent colleges, high school guidance counselors and members of the TRIO community. The committee will continue to work on expanding this initiative statewide in order to create a seamless transition between students leaving high school, entering college, and then moving into the workforce.

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"Apply Kansas" is encouraging participation throughout social media using the following:

- 2016 YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/7VBoe4ipyXc>
- Twitter: @ApplyKS
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/applyks/>
- Email: applyks@kacrao.org
- Website: <http://www.kacrao.org/applyks>

More information about the American College Application Campaign is available here: <https://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/American-College-Application-Campaign.aspx>

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