KANSAS PROMISE ACT SCHOLARSHIP

The Kansas Promise Act Scholarship was enacted by the Kansas Legislature to assist students who are enrolled to receive an associates degree or certificate in specified high wage, high demand, or critical need occupations in Kansas. **This service obligation scholarship** is available for students attending Kansas community colleges and technical colleges, Washburn Institute of Technology, and certain private postsecondary educational institutions.

The specified high wage, high demand, critical need programs are:

1) information technology and security,
2) mental and physical health care,
3) advanced manufacturing and building trades,
4) early childhood education and development.

Your institution may also designate one additional eligible field of study in one of the following areas:

1) agriculture,
2) food and natural resources,
3) education and training,
4) law, public safety, corrections, and security,
5) distribution and logistics.

Please visit our website for a list of all eligible schools and programs:

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

- The Kansas Promise Act Scholarship is a last dollar scholarship, meaning that a student may receive a scholarship in the aggregate amount of tuition, required fees, books and materials minus all other gift aid (grants and scholarships).
- This scholarship may be used for up to a lifetime total of 68 credit hours funded or $20,000 per student, whichever occurs first.
- Students may pursue more than one program, but are required to complete an eligible program within 36 months of the first semester they received their first award.
- Your educational institution will determine your eligibility for the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship and the amount of your award based on the cost of the program you have chosen, information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and other financial aid that you may be receiving.

New applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen, **AND**
- Be a Kansas resident, **AND**
- Have a family household income of: $100,000 or less for a family of one or two; $150,000 or less for a family of three, or for household sizes above three, a household income that is equal to or less than $150,000 plus $4,800 for each additional family member, **AND**
- Have graduated from a Kansas public or private high school within the preceding 12 months or have received a GED or other high school equivalency credential within the preceding 12 months, **OR**
- Have been a Kansas resident for the preceding three consecutive years, **OR**
- Be a dependent child of a military servicemember who is stationed in another state and, within the preceding 12 months, have graduated from an out-of-state high school or obtained a GED or other high school equivalency credential, **OR**
- Have been in the custody of the secretary of children and families at any time when enrolled in and attending any of the grades 9-12 **AND NOT** be eligible for assistance under the Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance Act.

To apply and remain eligible for the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship you must:

- Complete and submit the current Kansas Promise Act Scholarship application sfa.kansasregents.gov/login; **AND**
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); **AND**
- Enroll in a Promise-eligible program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution; **AND**
- Enter into a Kansas Promise Scholarship Obligation Agreement with the Kansas Board of Regents in which you agree to live and work in Kansas for a minimum of two consecutive years following successful completion of your degree program; **AND**
- Complete and submit the Kansas Promise Scholarship Renewal application (and the FAFSA) each school year to continue receiving the Kansas Promise Scholarship; **AND**
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in your courses and successfully complete your Promise program within 36 months from the date you first began receiving the Promise Act Scholarship.

What is the Service Obligation for the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship?

The service obligation for this scholarship requires that you sign a legally binding promissory note with the state of Kansas agreeing to the following:

- You will complete your program within 36 months from the date you first begin receiving the scholarship.
- Upon completion of your program, you must reside and work in the state of Kansas for two consecutive years/24 consecutive months.
    - Employment must begin within six months of completing your program.
    - Your service requirement may be deferred if you are continuing your education at an institution in Kansas and are enrolled in at least six hours each semester. In this case, your two-year live and work requirement would begin after completing the degree or ceasing enrollment.
    - Your service requirement will be considered fulfilled if you commence service in the military at any time after receiving a promise scholarship award.
- Failure to complete your program or to live and work in Kansas for two years will result in having to repay the amount of the scholarship you received plus interest. The interest rate is 5%. The Kansas Board of Regents will send paperwork on an annual, or semi-annual, basis to confirm your compliance with the terms of the scholarship agreement. Communication will be sent to the email address we have on file for you.

Application Deadlines:

Summer 2026: July 1, 2026 **Fall 2026:** October 1, 2026 **Spring 2027:** March 1, 2027

Awards are made on a first come, first served basis. Once funding has been exhausted, the application will close. This means the application could close before the advertised deadlines.

For more information on the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship, including Frequently Asked Questions, please visit:

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

Or,

Contact us directly at: scholars@ksbor.org or (785) 430-4300