

## **KANSAS PROMISE ACT SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kansas Promise Act Scholarship was enacted to assist students receiving an associate degree or certificate in certain high wage, critical need occupations in Kansas. This service scholarship is available for students attending two-year community and technical colleges, or certain four-year institutions that offer two-year degrees, in the state of Kansas. In exchange for the scholarship, students agree to graduate from their program within 36 months and commence living and working in the state of Kansas for two consecutive years.

**To apply for the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship, you must submit an online application at:**  
**[sfa.kansasregents.org](http://sfa.kansasregents.org)**

### **What degree programs are eligible for the Promise Scholarship?**

Eligible programs must fall into one of the following categories:

- Information Technology and Security
- Mental and Physical Healthcare
- Advanced Manufacturing and Building trades
- Early Childhood Education and Development
- Each institution may designate one additional two-year program/certificate that corresponds to a high wage, high demand or critical need occupation in the region. This designated program must be approved by the Kansas Board of Regents and relate to the following areas:
  - Agriculture
  - Food and natural resources
  - Education and training
  - Law, public safety, corrections, and security
  - Distribution and logistics

For a current list of eligible programs at your institution, visit our website:  
[kansasregents.org/students/student\\_financial\\_aid/promise-act-scholarship](http://kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/promise-act-scholarship)

### **Which institutions provide the Promise Scholarship to students?**

Kansas institutions must have at least one existing Promise-eligible program to be considered eligible. This includes:

- Public community colleges
- Public technical colleges
- Washburn Institute of Technology
- Private, not-for-profit institutions that offer eligible programs
  - Please note, four-year colleges are **not** eligible for Promise unless they offer an associates degree program in a qualifying field.

For a complete list of institutions that provide the Kansas Promise Scholarship, visit our website:  
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### **Who is eligible to receive this scholarship?**

- Kansas residents who graduated from high school (or obtained a GED®) within the past 12 months; **OR**
- Individuals who have been a Kansas resident for the preceding three consecutive years; **OR**
- Any dependent child of a military service member who is permanently stationed in another state who graduated from an out-of-state high school within the preceding 12 months; **OR**
- Individuals who were in the custody of the KS Dept of Children and Families at any time during grades 9-12.
- **U.S. citizenship is required for all recipients of the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship**

There are also income limits for this scholarship. To be eligible, students must 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; and
- \$150,000 + \$4,800 per additional family member beyond three.

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### **What is the award amount for the Promise Scholarship?**

The Kansas Promise Scholarship may pay the aggregate amount of tuition, fees, books, and required materials for your degree program. The scholarship amount is to be calculated after all other financial aid, grants, and scholarships (which do not require repayment) are issued. Your institution will determine your award amount based on the cost of your degree/certificate program, information from your FAFSA, and any other financial aid that you may be receiving.

Students may receive up to \$20,000 or a total of 68 credit hours paid for, whichever occurs first. These are lifetime limits, meaning you cannot receive Promise Scholarship funding beyond those amounts even if you have not completed your degree, or you choose to begin a new degree.

### **Do I have to be a full-time student in order to receive the Promise Scholarship?**

No, full-time enrollment is not required. Recipients of the Promise Scholarship may enroll on a part-time basis, but must take at least 6 credit hours for one semester out of the year (fall, spring, or summer). Once you have taken 6 credit hours in a single semester, you may take fewer hours for the remaining semesters that school year. **It is important to remember that you must complete your degree program within 36 months from the date you begin receiving the Promise Scholarship.**

### **What is the service agreement for the Promise Scholarship?**

The service agreement for this scholarship requires that you sign a legally-binding promissory note with the state of Kansas in which you agree 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.
  - 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 that of the current rate for the Federal PLUS Loan at the time you are awarded the scholarship; currently that interest rate is 7.54%.

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.

### **How do I apply for the Promise Scholarship?**

To apply for the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship, you must:

- Complete the Kansas Promise Act Scholarship application online at [sfa.kansasregents.org](http://sfa.kansasregents.org)
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)
- Enroll in an eligible degree or certificate program at your institution
- Semester deadlines are listed at [kansasregents.org/students/student\\_financial\\_aid/promise-act-scholarship](http://kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/promise-act-scholarship). However, awards are made on a first come, first served basis until all available funding has been awarded.

If your degree program continues beyond one year of study, you may renew the Promise Scholarship as long as you have not reached your \$20,000 funding limit or 68 hours of studies paid for. You must submit an application, following the same steps listed above, to renew the scholarship each year. **If you do not submit a renewal application, you will not be considered for renewed scholarship funding.**

# 2023-2024 STATE OF KANSAS STUDENT AID APPLICATION



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- Apply online at [sfa.kansasregents.org](http://sfa.kansasregents.org) OR;
- Complete this form (pages 3-5) clearly and completely and mail to:  
Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612-1368.
- Some scholarships may require additional forms and documentation; please read the instructions carefully for each scholarship program you wish to apply.

**The application must be postmarked by May 1, 2023.**

Student's Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____		Student's Date of Birth: ____/____/____	
Student's Last Name: _____		First Name: _____ MI: _____	
Former/Maiden Name (if applicable): _____			
Street Address: _____		PO Box/Apt: _____	
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____	Email: _____
Cell Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____		Home Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____	
Which Kansas higher education institution you will attend in 2023-2024: _____			
Residency: Have you lived continuously in Kansas since birth? Yes _____ No _____ If no, indicate the month and year you began living continuously in Kansas: Month _____ Year _____			
High School Graduation Year: _____ Name of the Kansas High School you graduated from (N/A if you did not attend high school in Kansas): _____ OR, Year _____ Kansas State High School Diploma was issued upon successful completion of the GED® Test			
Race/Ethnic Group (only required for Ethnic Minority and Teacher Service Scholarship applicants): _____ African American _____ Asian/Pacific Islander _____ American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ Hispanic _____ Caucasian/Other (not eligible for Ethnic Minority Scholarship)			
<b>STUDENT AGREEMENT:</b> (Please sign and date below) I certify that the information provided is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have read and understand the description and instructions for each program for which I am applying. I also understand that the information I have provided will be used to determine my eligibility for state-funded student financial aid. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form. Furthermore, if I am applying for the Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship, Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship, or Kansas National Guard Education Assistance, I understand that there is a service obligation, and if I default on the obligation, the amount of the scholarship I received must be repaid with the interest that has accrued from the date of origination of the award. Signature: _____ Date: _____			

On the following pages, fill out the information for each scholarship program you wish to apply for.  
Please note, some scholarships require additional forms and documentation to be completed.

**KANSAS CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT**

\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL (You received funds last year.)

- ◆ **ALL** applicants must have their college financial aid office complete the **CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT VERIFICATION FORM** on page 8 of this brochure.

Are you a U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

List the career technical program in which you are, or plan to be, enrolled in:

Have you been accepted for admission into this program? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

What is the length of the program? \_\_\_\_ 9 Months \_\_\_\_ 12 Months \_\_\_\_ 18 Months \_\_\_\_ 24 Months

If other length, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to complete your program of study (Month/Year)? \_\_\_\_\_

**KANSAS ETHNIC MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP**

\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL (You received funds last year.)

- ◆ **NEW** applicants must have a high school counselor complete the **ETHNIC MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM** on page 10 of this brochure.

**KANSAS MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL (You received funds last year.)

- ◆ Applicant must have served overseas in any military operation after 9/11/2001 for which they received hostile fire pay.  
◆ Must be attending a Kansas public institution of higher education (see listing at [www.kansasregents.org](http://www.kansasregents.org))

Are you receiving GI Benefits for the current academic year? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which type benefits will you be receiving?

Ch 30 \_\_\_\_ Ch 35 \_\_\_\_ Ch 1606 \_\_\_\_ Post 9/11 \_\_\_\_

What percent will you receive? \_\_\_\_ %

Number of credit hours you plan to enroll in for Fall 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours you plan to enroll in for Spring 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours you have completed toward your undergraduate degree to date: \_\_\_\_\_

**KANSAS NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (Licensed Registered Nurses are not eligible.)**

\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL (You received funds last year.)

- ◆ **ALL** Kansas Nursing applicants must secure sponsorship from a licensed healthcare or mental health treatment facility, submit a signed Sponsor Agreement, and complete the following items:

Nursing Degree: LPN \_\_\_\_ RN \_\_\_\_ Nursing Program Graduation Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor City: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your sponsor considered a mental health treatment facility? \_\_\_\_\_

**KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP**

\_\_\_\_ NEW or RENEWAL

To be eligible to apply for the Kansas State Scholarship, in your senior year at a Kansas high school you would have received a letter stating that you were a **designated State Scholar by the Kansas Board of Regents**.

