

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

This service obligation scholarship program provides financial assistance to 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 either group planning to teach (K-12) in an underserved geographic area in Kansas. Applicants must complete the FAFSA. To complete the service obligation, recipients need to 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.

The Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship was enacted 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.

Applicants must be a resident of the state of Kansas, attending a Kansas higher educational institution, **AND**

- a.) Enrolled in a program leading to licensure as a teacher in an identified hard-to-fill discipline* or underserved geographic area** in Kansas; **OR**
- b.) Currently licensed as a teacher and enrolled in a program leading to a new endorsement in one of the hard-to-fill disciplines* or teach in one of the underserved geographic areas** in Kansas; **OR**
- c.) Currently licensed teachers enrolled in a program leading to a master's degree in an identified hard-to-fill discipline* or underserved geographic area** (**This scholarship is not a resource for Counseling, Administration, or Library/Media Science degrees**); **AND**
- d.) Complete the FAFSA and the State of Kansas Student Aid Application.

***Identified Hard-to-fill disciplines for 2023-2024 are: Elementary Education, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Special Education.**

****Underserved Geographic Areas are: USD 501 Topeka; USD 500 Kansas City, KS; USD 259 Wichita, and Kansas State Board of Education Districts 5, 7, and 9 (<https://www.ksde.org/Board>).**

Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship NEW applicants must:

- o File the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov. The priority deadline is April 1.
- o Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application either online at sfa.kansasregents.org; **OR**, submit the paper version (pages 3-5), along with the Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship Form (page 17). Priority **Deadline is May 1**; however, applications will be accepted past that if funding allows.
- o Submit official college transcripts from all schools where you've completed coursework.[†]
- o Submit at least one letter of recommendation, on letterhead, academic or employment related.
- o Submit a one-page personal statement essay regarding your academic and teaching goals, including your personal commitment to teaching in your hard-to-fill discipline or underserved area.
- o If a current teacher, submit a copy of your teaching certificate or licensure.

[†] *High school transcripts are not accepted. If you have graduate school hours, include a transcript of your graduate work to date in addition to your undergraduate transcript(s).*

RENEWAL applicants must complete the FAFSA and the State of Kansas Student Aid Application each school year. Renewals do NOT submit new transcripts and other materials annually. The priority deadline is May 1.

All supporting materials should be emailed to: scholars@ksbor.org

Alternatively, you may send your materials by postal mail to:
Kansas Board of Regents: 1000 SW Jackson St, Ste 520, Topeka, KS 66612

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (cont.)

RECIPIENTS:

Priority in awarding goes to junior and senior level college students seeking licensure as a teacher. Funds are rarely available for freshman or sophomore students. This is a merit-based scholarship and your cumulative college GPA factors largely into the awarding decision. The average GPA of past recipients has been 3.50. Recipients may be enrolled either full-time or part-time at a minimum of three credit hours per semester.

Recipients are eligible to receive funding for **up to ten semesters**, which includes a combination of both undergraduate and graduate work and must continue to maintain satisfactory academic progress. Additional documentation may be required for the scholarship to transition from an undergraduate to graduate program. The number of recipients is dependent on state funding levels.

- ◆ **Renewals** are prior year recipients and must submit the FAFSA and the State of Kansas Student Aid Application *each school year* to receive funding. Renewals are given top funding priority.
- ◆ If you are renewing the scholarship and will be transitioning from undergraduate to a graduate degree program, you are required to contact KBOR regarding your graduate degree. Additional materials may be required.

AWARD AMOUNTS:

Recipients may be eligible for up to **\$6,314** per academic year (**\$3,157 per semester**). The funding amount is based on the number of credit hours taken per semester and is a set amount as follows:

12+ hours	- \$3,157 per semester
9-11 hours	- \$2,529 per semester
6-8 hours	- \$1,894 per semester
3-5 hours	- \$1,263 per semester

SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENT:

Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship recipients will sign **an agreement/promissory note with the State of Kansas** in which they will agree to:

- Complete the required course of instruction leading to licensure and full endorsement in a field of education as a teacher in the selected hard-to-fill teaching discipline or in an underserved geographic area in the State of Kansas (i.e., graduate from your education degree program);
- Obtain and maintain necessary licensure and endorsement as specified in the scholarship agreement;
- Engage in teaching in the hard-to-fill discipline or in an underserved geographic area in the State of Kansas within six months of licensure in a state-accredited public or private school (K-12) on a full-time basis for a period equal to the time scholarship was awarded or commence teaching on a part-time basis for a period that is equivalent to full-time, multiplied by the length of the course of instruction for which the scholarship was awarded.

Please Note: Fulfillment of your teaching obligation begins **AFTER** completion of your degree program.

- ❖ If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation, they will be subject to repaying the amount of the scholarship they received plus the interest that has accrued from the time the scholarship was first disbursed to the student. The interest rate is the same as that of the federal PLUS program at the time the agreement was first entered into, plus five percentage points (currently the interest rate is 12.54%).

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FORM

New Applicants must complete the following steps to apply for the Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship:

1. Complete the State of Kansas Student Aid Application online at sfa.kansasregents.org. OR, complete the paper application (pages 3-5 of this brochure) and this Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship Form and mail in to KBOR.
2. Submit all official academic transcripts.*
3. Submit at least one letter of recommendation on letterhead; academic or employment related.
4. Submit a one-page personal statement essay regarding your academic and teaching goals, including your personal commitment to teaching in your hard-to-fill discipline or underserved area.
5. If a current teacher, submit a copy of your teaching certificate or licensure.

**High school transcripts are not accepted. Send official transcripts from all colleges where you have completed coursework. If you have graduate school hours, include a transcript of your graduate work to date in addition to your undergraduate transcript(s).*

- ◆ **Renewal** applicants must complete the FAFSA and the State of Kansas Student Aid Application. The priority deadline to renew is May 1 each school year.
- ◆ If you are moving from an undergraduate to a graduate program you are required to contact KBOR regarding your graduate degree. Additional application documents may be required.

Submit the state application and all supporting materials to: scholars@ksbor.org

Supporting documents may also be sent by postal mail to:

Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson St, Ste 520, Topeka, KS 66612

- 1. TEACHING DISCIPLINE:** Select the discipline you are going to teach after completion of your studies; or, select teach in an underserved area if that is your plan. **MAKE ONLY ONE SELECTION**—this is what you'll be obligated to teach upon graduating.

- ☐ Elementary Education
☐ English Language Arts
☐ Mathematics
☐ Science
☐ Special Education

☐ Teach in one of the underserved geographic areas in the State of Kansas as listed below:

*USD 501 Topeka; USD 500 Kansas City, KS; USD 259 Wichita;
or the State Board of Education Districts 5, 7, & 9 (<https://www.ksde.org/Board>).*

- 2. COMPLETED COLLEGE CREDIT:**

Name of Undergraduate College: _____

City & State: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Number of hours you have completed toward your undergraduate degree to date: _____

Name of Graduate College: _____

City & State: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Number of hours you have completed towards your graduate degree to date: _____

- 3. CURRENT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT:**

For the upcoming school year, will you be an Undergraduate student _____ or Graduate student _____

Name of college/university you will attend in 2023-2024: _____

Number of hours you will enroll for Fall 2023: _____ Number of hours you will enroll for Spring 2024: _____

What is your degree path/major? _____

What subject(s) are you seeking licensure or full endorsement: _____

- 4. TEACHING STATUS:**

Are you currently licensed to teach in the State of Kansas? Yes ___ No ___ (If Yes, please submit a copy of your license.)

If yes, what subject(s) are you currently licensed to teach? _____

Current Employer: _____ City/State: _____

2023-2024 STATE OF KANSAS STUDENT AID APPLICATION



★ LEADING HIGHER EDUCATION ★

- Apply online at 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)

STUDENT AGREEMENT: (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: _____

STATE OF KANSAS STUDENT AID APPLICATION (continued)

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)

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.**

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPNEW ☐ RENEWAL ☐ (You received funds last year.)◆ ALL applicants must complete the **TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FORM** on page 17.**New applicants** must submit the following supporting materials:

1. an official copy of all collegiate transcripts;
2. at least one letter of recommendation on letterhead - academic, or employment-related;
3. a one-page personal statement essay of your academic and teaching goals, including your personal commitment to teaching in your discipline or underserved area; and
4. if a current teacher, a copy of your teaching certificate or licensure.

Renewal applicants only need to submit the form on page 17; no supporting materials are required.**KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**Air National Guard ☐ Army National Guard ☐ Rank: Unit Name: Unit City: First date of enlistment (include month/day/year): Expiration Term of Service (ETS) month/day/year: Type of degree program enrolled in: Technical ☐ Associate ☐ Bachelor ☐ Other ☐Are you requesting funds for Fall 2023? Yes ☐ No ☐Institution attending: Hours enrolled: Are you requesting funds for Spring 2024? Yes ☐ No ☐Institution attending: Hours enrolled: Have you applied for Federal Tuition Assistance? ☐**Kansas Air or Army National Guard Student Agreement:**

I hereby agree to adhere to all criteria set forth in Kansas law under K.S.A. 74-32, 146 through 74-32, 149 et seq. and amendments thereto, in applying for and accepting educational assistance benefits as an eligible member of the Kansas National Guard and agree to serve for not less than 24 months upon the completion of the last semester for which educational assistance was received.

In addition, I agree to provide a transcript of credit hours earned, including the grades for credit hours, to my unit educational officer. I understand that to remain eligible to participate in this assistance program I must make satisfactory progress toward completion of degree requirements, maintain a grade point average of not less than 2.00 and maintain satisfactory participation in the Kansas National Guard.

Furthermore, I, the undersigned, certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the receipt of educational assistance is based on the availability of funds. I agree to reimburse the postsecondary institution for any amount not provided by the educational assistance program. If I withdraw from any program for which I am receiving assistance, I will pay the State of Kansas the total amount of assistance of which I have received for this semester.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and establishes the rights of students to review their education records. In accordance with FERPA my signature below indicates my consent to the release of my unofficial transcripts. I understand that this signature will authorize the release of the unofficial transcripts identified in this request to either myself or the third-party recipient(s) (institutions) identified in this request. This written consent is valid only for this academic year (2023-2024). A new completed form is required each academic year; this form is not maintained for future use.

Signature: Date: