

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AS PROVIDED IN SENATE BILL 437

During the 2008 Legislative session, SB 437 was approved to provide scholarship assistance for individuals who meet specified criteria to pay tuition and fee costs to enroll in Kansas public postsecondary institutions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:

An eligible applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a resident of the state of Kansas;
- Has either (a) served in military service in Iraq or Afghanistan at least 90 days after September 11, 2001, or served less than such 90 days because of injuries received in Iraq or Afghanistan or (b) has served in military service in international waters or on foreign soil in support of military operations in Iraq or Afghanistan for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001, or has served for less than such 90 days because of injuries received during such service; and
- Has received an honorable discharge from military service or is still in military service; and
- Has a DD-214 form or active duty orders that indicate the person has served after September 11, 2001, in one or more of the following military operations:
 - (a) Enduring Freedom; (b) Nobel Eagle; or (c) Iraqi Freedom.

WHERE MAY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLL:

Students may enroll at any of the following Kansas public postsecondary institutions: area vocational schools, area vocational-technical schools, community colleges, the municipal university, state educational institutions or technical colleges.

REQUIREMENTS OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

Recipients of the scholarship shall remain in good academic standing at the Kansas educational institution where they are enrolled and shall make satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of the educational program in which they are enrolled. Students may be enrolled either part-time or full-time, but must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours each semester. Priority in awarding scholarships is given to those students with the greatest financial need. Students will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have that information submitted to the school that they are attending, along with the scholarship application form. Any federal military tuition assistance that the student is receiving will be applied first toward the student's tuition and fees and they will only be eligible for the remaining balance in scholarship assistance. Eligible students may be awarded a scholarship for not more than four academic years of undergraduate study. If the course of instruction requires a fifth year of undergraduate study, a scholarship may be awarded for the duration of the course of instruction. If a student is not enrolled on a full-time basis, a student shall complete the course of study within a reasonable time period based upon the number of hours enrolled in an academic period and computed as a fraction of the total number of credit hours required for full-time enrollment. Continued funding for this scholarship is subject to state appropriations.

B. RESIDENCY INFORMATION

8. When did your physical presence in Kansas begin? _____
Month/Year

9. If you have lived outside of Kansas indicate where and when?

C. EDUCATION

10. Name of high school attended: _____ Year of Graduation _____

11. If you have completed a General Educational Development (GED), please indicate what year and in what state did you complete the requirements?

Year _____ State _____

12. What educational institution will you be attending during 2012-13?

13. How many hours will you plan to enroll for Fall 2012? _____ Spring 2013? _____

14. If you have previously enrolled in college hours, how many hours have you completed toward your undergraduate degree? _____
Expected graduation date _____

Please attach a copy of your DD-214 to this application form and submit to the Kansas Board of Regents. Also, be sure that you have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and had that information sent to the financial aid office at your school.

I affirm that all of the above information on this form is true. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____