

Kansas State Scholarship

Program Description

The Kansas State Scholarship program is designed to assist financially needy students in the top 20-40% of Kansas high school graduates who are designated as a State Scholar.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Kansas State Scholarship, in the senior year of a Kansas high school you would have:

1. received a certificate stating that you completed the required curriculum **AND**
1. received a letter stating that you were **designated** by the Kansas Board of Regents.

Designation is based on an index, which mathematically combines the ACT composite score and GPA. All applicants must complete the FAFSA and State of Kansas Student Aid Application each year, funding priority goes to renewals. The number of designees is dependent on state funding levels.

Awards are based on financial need and/or other financial awards received.

It is the responsibility of the State Scholar to reapply for funding each school year on or before May 1.

Award Amount

Designated State Scholars may receive up to \$1,000 annually based on financial need as measured by the Federal Methodology using data submitted on the FAFSA **and** on the availability of State funds.

Minimum requirements include:

1. taking the ACT Assessment by December of the senior year;
2. completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum;
3. having curriculum and 7th semester GPA certified on the official roster by the high school counselor, registrar, or similar official;
4. must be a Kansas resident attending a Kansas post-secondary institution; and
5. graduating during the 2013-2014 academic year.

The academic profile for the previous year scholars included an average ACT of 30 and average GPA of 3.90.

Deadline to Apply: May 1

Funding priority goes to upper-class students (those graduating from high school before 2014). Scholars may receive funds for four undergraduate years (five years if enrolled in a designated five-year program).

Scholars who are not financially eligible for funding this year may be eligible in a following year and should apply for aid **each school year** to officially learn of eligibility.

Checklist for the Kansas State Scholarship applicants:

- Complete/submit the FAFSA, priority deadline April 1.
- [State of Kansas Student Aid Application](http://www.kansasregents.org) completed and submitted either online at www.kansasregents.org the paper version and the \$12.00 non-refundable application fee submitted. (Deadline May 1)



KANSAS SCHOLARS CURRICULUM

The requirements for 2014-2015 high school graduates are as follows:

ENGLISH, 4 YEARS. One unit to be taken each year (1 unit = 1 year). Must include substantial, recurrent practice in writing extensive and structured papers, extensive reading of significant literature and significant experience in speaking and listening.

MATHEMATICS, 4 YEARS. Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry plus one year of higher-level mathematics such as Analytic Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra, Probability and Statistics or Functions is required. *Algebra I taken in the 8th grade is acceptable.*

SCIENCE, 3 YEARS. One year each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, each of which include an average of one laboratory period a week. Two years of one of the above courses may not substitute for a third course. Any substitutions must be in the disciplinary area, but may not substitute Anatomy and Physiology for Physics. Physical Science or General Science courses are unacceptable due to their general nature. Applied/technical courses may not substitute for a unit of natural science credit.

SOCIAL SCIENCES, 3 YEARS. Students must complete the following: one unit of U.S. History (including a minimum of one-half unit of U.S. Government); one-half unit selected from - World History - World Geography - International Relations; and up to one unit selected from - Psychology - Economics - U.S. Government - U.S. History - Current Social Issues - Sociology - Anthropology - Race and Ethnic Group Relations. A one-half unit course may not be used to fulfill more than one requirement.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE, 2 YEARS. Must have two years of one language. Latin and Sign Language are acceptable.

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