KANSAS COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Computer Science Educator Scholarship provides a one-time $1,000 award for <u>licensed</u> K-12 teachers enrolled in college courses for additional college credit, or <u>preservice</u> K-12 teachers enrolled in college courses leading to licensure as a teacher. This scholarship program was enacted to encourage and enable educators to teach computer sciences courses at the K-12 level.

Priority consideration is given to individuals who are from underrepresented socioeconomic demographic groups, or those who plan to teach computer science in a rural school or a school with a higher percentage of students from underrepresented socioeconomic demographics. We confirm socioeconomic status for the applicant through education, income and family size information reported on the FAFSA. We confirm rural schools and schools with higher percentages of underrepresented socioeconomic demographic groups through records from the Kansas Department of Education.

Though it is not required, for priority consideration applicants must be able to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Recipients may only receive this scholarship one time—it is not renewable and cannot be received for each computer science class taken. Once you have been awarded the $1,000 scholarship, you are not eligible to receive it again for any future classes or degrees you may pursue.

To apply for the Computer Science Educator Scholarship, you must:

- Be a permanent resident of the state of Kansas;

- Be a **licensed** K-12 teacher enrolled in college courses for continuing education credit; **OR**, be a **preservice** K-12 teacher enrolled in college courses leading to licensure as a teacher

- Attend a college or university in the state of Kansas (includes state institutions, community colleges, or not-for-profit institutions);

- Enroll in a computer science course during the semester you are applying for the scholarship

  * *Approved computer science courses include those that focus on curriculum and instruction strategies for teaching computer science courses. Also included are courses that study computers and algorithmic processes, including principles, hardware and software design, implementation, and impact on society.*

<u>The application for the Computer Science Educator Scholarship is not yet available through our online application</u> <u>portal.</u> **For the 2023-2024 school year, applicants must submit a paper application.**

To download a copy of the application, please visit our website:

kansasregents.org/students/student_financial_aid/scholarships_and_grants

The application should be completed in full and mailed to the Kansas Board of Regents office.

Application deadlines for the 2023-2024 school year vary by semester:

Fall 2023 – Deadline: **September 1, 2023**

Spring 2024 – Deadline: **February 1, 2024**

Summer 2024 – Deadline: **June 1, 2024**

Please note: Scholarship awards will be made after the deadline passes each semester and funding will be sent to your college sometime after that. Funds will not be disbursed in time for your tuition due date, but your college will reimburse you after the scholarship is applied.