



KANSAS MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates who served in any overseas military operation after 9/11/2001 for which they received hostile fire pay are eligible to submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application with a **copy of their DD-214 form or active duty orders**. If the applicant is currently enlisted in the Kansas National Guard, please apply for the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Program (more information available on www.kansasregents.org).

Program Description

The Kansas Military Service Scholarship is available for the payment of tuition and fees at any of the following Kansas public postsecondary institutions: the six state universities, Washburn University, community colleges and technical colleges for students who are a resident of Kansas and:

- Served after September 11, 2001, in military service in international waters or on foreign soil in support of military operations for at least 90 days or less than 90 days because of injuries received during such military service;
- Received an honorable discharge or under honorable conditions (general) discharge from military service or is still in military service and;
- Submit a DD-214 form or active duty orders, which indicates the location of the person's deployment and specifies the person has served after September 11, 2001, in any military operation for which they received hostile fire pay.

Kansas Military Service Scholarship New and Renewal Applicant Instructions

- ◇ Complete the FAFSA, priority deadline April 1.
- ◇ Submit the State of Kansas Student Aid Application either online at <https://sfa.kansasregents.org/>; **OR** complete the paper version (pages 3-5) and mail to KBOR, Student Financial Aid, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612. The priority deadline is May 1.

❖ **NEW Applicants must submit your DD-214 in addition to the application.** ❖

Requirements for Recipients of this scholarship:

- be a Kansas resident;
- remain in good academic standing at the Kansas educational institution where they are enrolled;
- make satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of the educational program in which they are enrolled (scholarship cannot be awarded beyond the first bachelor's degree); and
- enroll in a minimum of 6 hours each semester, can be part-time or full-time.

Please Note: Individuals who are also using Ch. 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits or Ch. 31 Veterans Readiness & Employment benefits should carefully consider how the Kansas Military Service Scholarship may affect those benefits. Generally, when a Ch. 33 or Ch. 31 user receives other aid that is designated solely for tuition and fees (known as restricted aid), the VA's last payer clause states that VA will only pay any remaining tuition/required fees after restricted aid is applied. Because the Kansas Military Service Scholarship is restricted aid pays towards an individual's undergraduate tuition and required fees for up to 8 semesters of undergraduate coursework, there is no tuition for the VA to pay when a student receives the Kansas Military Service Scholarship. Students can still receive their Ch. 33/Ch.31 monthly housing allowance and book stipend; however, we encourage students to talk with their school's military-affiliated centers/staff about how to maximize all of their entitlements.

Eligible students may be awarded a scholarship for not more than four academic years of undergraduate study (five years if enrolled in a designated five-year program). Funding for this scholarship is subject to state appropriations.

➤ **Renewals** are students who received this scholarship the prior year; the student must complete/submit the FAFSA and the State of Kansas Student Aid Application for each year of funding.