

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The time and energy you spend conducting a successful scholarship search can be well worth the effort when you are awarded a scholarship to help fund your higher education. Best of luck in your scholarship searching endeavors!

THE BEST WAYS TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ✓ Check out "Private Scholarships" at affordability.ku.edu.
- ✓ Review the sources listed on the reverse of this handout for great scholarship opportunities.
- ✓ Talk with your high school counselor, faculty, academic advisors, and financial aid counselors for ideas.
- ✓ Inquire with your and your parent's employer or organizations with which you or they are affiliated.

TIPS FOR APPLYING:

- ✓ Start looking early and prioritize! Scholarship deadlines vary so plan your application efforts by the due date to meet deadlines. Reserve a block of time to work on scholarship applications regularly and stick to it.
- ✓ Apply for scholarships that inspire you. The applications will feel less like work.
- ✓ Write tailored essays for each scholarship. Avoid copying and pasting without careful revisions.
- ✓ If a letter of recommendation is required, brief your reference on the scholarship and provide him/her with a copy of your application and your resume. Give the reference at least two weeks to write the letter for you.

WARNING! THE FOLLOWING COULD BE SIGNS OF A SCAM BECAUSE IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, THEN IT PROBABLY IS.

- ✓ You are required to pay money to receive a scholarship.
(Note: The State of Kansas Student Aid Application requires a \$12 processing fee).
- ✓ You are guaranteed to win the scholarship.
- ✓ The sponsors say things like, "Everyone is eligible," or "You are guaranteed free money."
- ✓ You are advised you have been selected for a scholarship for which you did not submit an application.
- ✓ For more information on scholarship scams, visit finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUTSIDE/PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

What are outside/private scholarships?

Any scholarship that is not awarded from KU is considered an outside/private scholarship.

Can my scholarships affect my eligibility for financial aid?

In some cases, yes, they may. It is your responsibility to report all scholarships/fellowships/sponsorships to Financial Aid and Scholarships (FAS). We encourage you to report early to avoid repaying financial aid at a later date.

How do I report outside/private scholarships?

You may report these scholarships in Enroll & Pay at sa.ku.edu (Student Center>Accept/Decline Awards, Page 2) or notify FAS by email, mail, or fax. If you report by email, mail, or fax, please indicate the scholarship name, amount, and term (fall/spring/summer) as well as your first and last name initials and KUID number.

How will I receive my outside/private scholarships?

The donor may provide you with a check or send a check to KU. Please encourage donors to send scholarship checks directly to FAS. If the outside scholarship funds are received by FAS and the check does not require your signature, the funds will be applied to your KU account within 3-5 business days. You'll be notified if a check requires endorsement.

Where should my outside/private scholarship check be sent, if it is provided directly to me?

Please submit outside/private scholarship checks to the FAS. Please attach the check(s) to a statement indicating the scholarship name, amount, and term (fall/spring/summer) as well as your first and last name initials, KUID number, and phone number. If the check is made out to you (or to you and KU), please endorse the check before mailing.

Will the outside/private scholarship be applied to my eBill?

Outside/Private scholarships that have been received and processed by FAS will be applied to your eBill. These scholarships will be listed on the eBill as "Outside Schol/SFA Payment," and the amount will be subtracted from the amount owed. Sometimes donors do not send the funds to FAS until after the fee payment due date. If the check will not be processed by the due date, you will need to select another payment option to avoid late payment fees.

GENERAL RESOURCES FOR LOCATING PRIVATE/OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

affordability.ku.edu	A list of private scholarships that of which donors want KU students to be aware.
fastweb.com	A scholarship search engine that lists over 3 million scholarships. Allows for customized searching and will email information on new scholarships as they are added.
finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml	A listing of other scholarship search engines, including search engines for major-specific scholarships.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Name	Terms	Available to	Minimum Enrollment	How to apply
Incoming Freshman Scholarships	No repayment	Incoming Freshmen	12 credit hours	Apply for admission & scholarships (admissions.ku.edu/apply) by November 1. A variety of scholarships are available.
Transfer Student Scholarships	No repayment	First year transfer students	12 credit hours	Apply for admission & scholarships (admissions.ku.edu/apply) by February 1. A variety of scholarships are available.
Departmental Scholarships	No repayment	Current students	Varies by department	Check with department, deadlines vary by department.
Honors Program Scholarships	No repayment	Current undergraduate students	Varies by scholarship	Visit honors.ku.edu/scholarships for a complete list of available scholarships.
Coca-Cola Scholarship	No repayment	Incoming freshmen and current students who are dependents of a current KU faculty/staff member	12 credit hours	Incoming freshmen/transfer must indicate on admission application that they are a dependent of benefit eligible faculty and/or staff employee. Current students who have not received award before should contact FAS for application.

STATE OF KANSAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Name	Terms	Available to	Minimum Enrollment	How to apply
State of Kansas Scholarship	No repayment	KS resident undergraduates working on a first degree, designated state scholars	12 credit hours	File the Kansas Student Aid Application (KSAA) (kansasregents.org) by May 1; pay appropriate fee. File the FAFSA at fafsa.gov .
Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship	No repayment	KS resident undergraduate minority students working on a first degree	12 credit hours	File the Kansas Student Aid Application (KSAA) (kansasregents.org) by May 1; pay appropriate fee. File the FAFSA at fafsa.gov .
Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship	Requires commitment to teach in Kansas	KS resident undergraduates and graduates seeking teacher certification	Award varies according to enrollment	File the Kansas Student Aid Application (KSAA) (kansasregents.org) by May 1; pay appropriate fee. File the FAFSA at fafsa.gov .

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) AND MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Name	Terms	Available to	Minimum Enrollment	How to apply
Air Force ROTC	Commissioned as a 2 nd Lt. upon graduation	Undergraduate students	12 credit hours	Contact Air Force ROTC at afrotc.ku.edu
Army ROTC	Commissioned as a 2 nd Lt. upon graduation	Undergraduates and graduate students	Undergraduates: 12 credit hours; Graduates: 6 credit hours	Contact Army ROTC at armyrotc.ku.edu
Naval ROTC	Requires commitment to Navy or Marine Corps	Undergraduate students	15 credit hours, with one course being Navy Lab	Contact the Naval ROTC at kunrotc.ku.edu
Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance	No repayment	Members of a Kansas Air/Army National Guard Unit	Full-time enrollment not required	Download the application at kansasregents.org and submit to the Veteran's Office in the Office of the University Registrar.
Kansas Military Service Scholarship	No repayment	KS resident undergraduates who have met certain military service requirements	6 credit hours	Download the application at kansasregents.org and submit by May 1. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov .
Other Military Scholarship Programs	Varies by organization	Service members and children of military families	Varies by organization	afas.org , fisherhouse.org , vamortgagecenter.com/scholarships.html , moaa.org

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Students with Disabilities	finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml
Multicultural Students	msp.ku.edu , finaid.org/otheraid/minority.phtml , collegefund.org , hispanicfund.org , uncf.org
Non-Traditional Students	silc.ku.edu/nontrads , finaid.org/otheraid/nontraditional.phtml
Students Studying Abroad	studyabroad.ku.edu/ScholarshipsFinancialAid , studyabroadfunding.org
LGBTQ Students	silc.ku.edu/lgbt , finaid.org/otheraid/gay.phtml
Students in University Housing	housing.ku.edu/scholarships
Female Students	emilytaylorcenter.ku.edu/financial-aid , finaid.org/otheraid/female.phtml