

KC Scholars Traditional Scholarship

Application Opens: January 8 - February 27, 2026

Traditional Scholarship (11th Graders)

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- Up to \$5,000/semester paid directly to the college up to a bachelor's degree or 6-years of scholarship support.
- Maintain GPA and graduate requirements in senior year of high school.
- Advising support in high school and college.
- Enroll full-time in college in Fall 2027.

APPLICATION CYCLE

- January 8 - February 27 at 5:00 p.m. CST.
- Award notification on May 5, 2026 via email and paper mail.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Current 11th grader.
- Live in or be home-schooled or attend public, charter or private school in 6 eligible counties: Wyandotte & Johnson (KS) - Cass, Clay, Jackson & Platte (MO).
- 2.5 cumulative unweighted high school GPA or at least a 16 on the ACT (800 on SAT).
- Income eligible (12,000 or less Student Aid Index on [Federal Student Aid \(FSA\) Estimator](#)). Use the [Scholarship Application Resources](#) to help complete the estimator.
- US Citizenship/Residency is not required.

Where can applicants attend if awarded the Traditional scholarship?

Awardees of the Traditional Scholarship can use their award at **any of the colleges and universities in our KC Scholars College Network**. Many of these Colleges are in the Kansas City Region.

Our partners work closely with Great Jobs KC to ensure Scholars are well supported. Whether you're considering a Kansas City, Missouri College to use your scholarship, or a Kansas College to apply the awarded funds, we have an incredible network of colleges and universities.



What is the College-Specific Scholarship?

Applicants who are not awarded a Traditional Scholarship may be considered for College-Specific Scholarship which can **ONLY** be used at the awarded college. Applicants must indicate interest on the application to be considered. Checking 'Yes' will not decrease an applicants chance of being considered for a Traditional Scholarship, it increases their chance of receiving a scholarship overall!

- [College-Specific Quick Guide](#) & [Program Guidelines](#) show all the small differences.
- [Find Your College](#) tool.

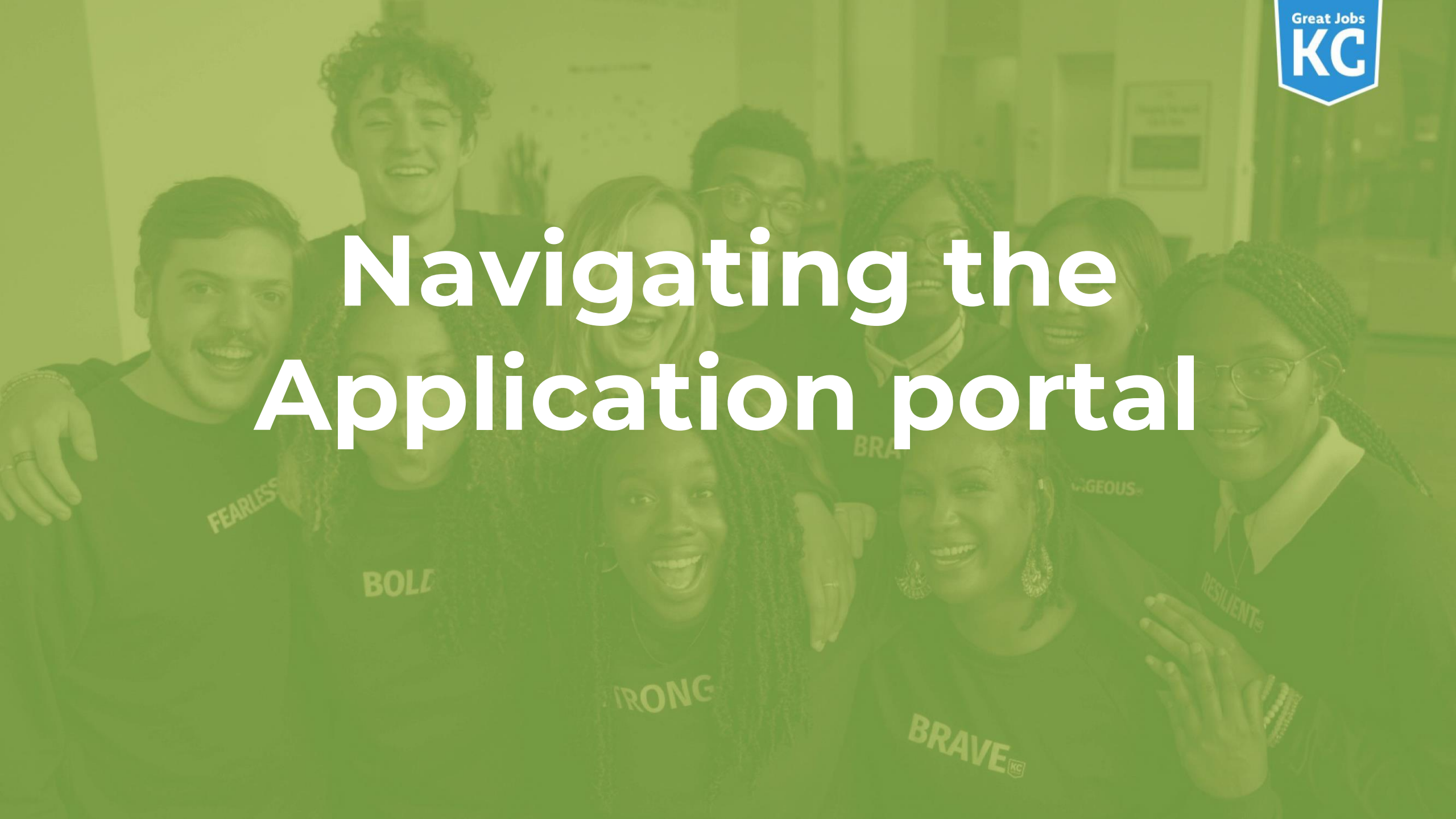
Awarding decisions are based on:

- Applicant interest in the college based on ranking within the application.
- Specific college eligibility requirements (See: College Specific Quick Guide).
- Overall application score.





Navigating the Application portal



! Important Information

NOTE: Screenshots are from the **2025 Traditional application**. Small changes are made each year to enhance the application experience. Use this guide to understand the general flow of the application.

- For up-to-date resources and personal statements prompts, visit the [Scholarship Application Resources](#) webpage.



Welcome to the KC Scholars Application Portal!

Register with the KC Scholars portal to begin your scholarship application today.

Click here to: [Create Your Account](#)

Click here to: [Log into Your KC Scholars Account](#)

The 2023 Traditional Scholarship and College Savings Match application window will be January 9, 2023, through February 28, 2023.

"For the best user experience, it is recommended to complete the application using Google Chrome browser. Take note of the email and password you use to set up the account, you will use the info to log into the application. After creating your account, if you are unable to access your account or reset your password, please contact the KC Scholars program at Applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org or (816) 581-5700."

KC Scholars offers three college scholarship programs:

- **College Savings Match** (up to \$1,400) application is only available to 9th graders.
- **Traditional** (up to \$50,000) application is only available to 11th graders.
- **Adult Learners** (up to \$50,000) application is only available to adults 18 years and older with a high school diploma or equivalent.

All scholarship programs have a competitive application process. All applicants must reside in or attend high school in one of the following 6 counties - (Kansas: Johnson and Wyandotte Counties; Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties).

Schedule of College Planning Events

Throughout the year, KC Scholars plans and hosts college preparation and planning events, such as college fairs, financial aid workshops, parent engagement events, and more. We also promote other events planned and hosted in the community that are focused on college planning and career exploration.

[Click here to view the schedule of events.](#)



**Create or
log into your
existing
account.**

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Please create an account. Use your own personal email (not a school account) that is not shared with anyone else. By signing up, you agree to the KC Scholars [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Use](#).

Sign Up

*Please only click "Sign Up" once.
The page may take a couple of moments to respond.*



Change Your Password

Enter a new password for amoliver94@gmail.com.
Make sure to Include at least:

- ☐ 8 characters
- ☐ 1 letter
- ☐ 1 number

* New Password

* Confirm New Password

Change Password

Password was last changed on 10/25/2024, 2:02 PM.

Use a personal email address to create an account.

Follow email instructions.

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Apply Today for a Scholarship

Receiving a KC Scholars scholarship is a tremendous accomplishment and honor. Scholars indicate that receiving the scholarship and support services changed their lives and they are proud to be Scholars. Apply today to begin.

Click here to: [Apply/Resume](#)

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After account creation, click Apply/Resume to begin.

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Click the drop-down arrow to select which scholarship type to create an application (Traditional Scholarship).

KC SCHOLARS

Home Profile Search...

Apply to KC Scholars

There are open Application Cycles but you do not have an active Application.
If you would like to start an Application, please choose which program you are applying for and click "Next."

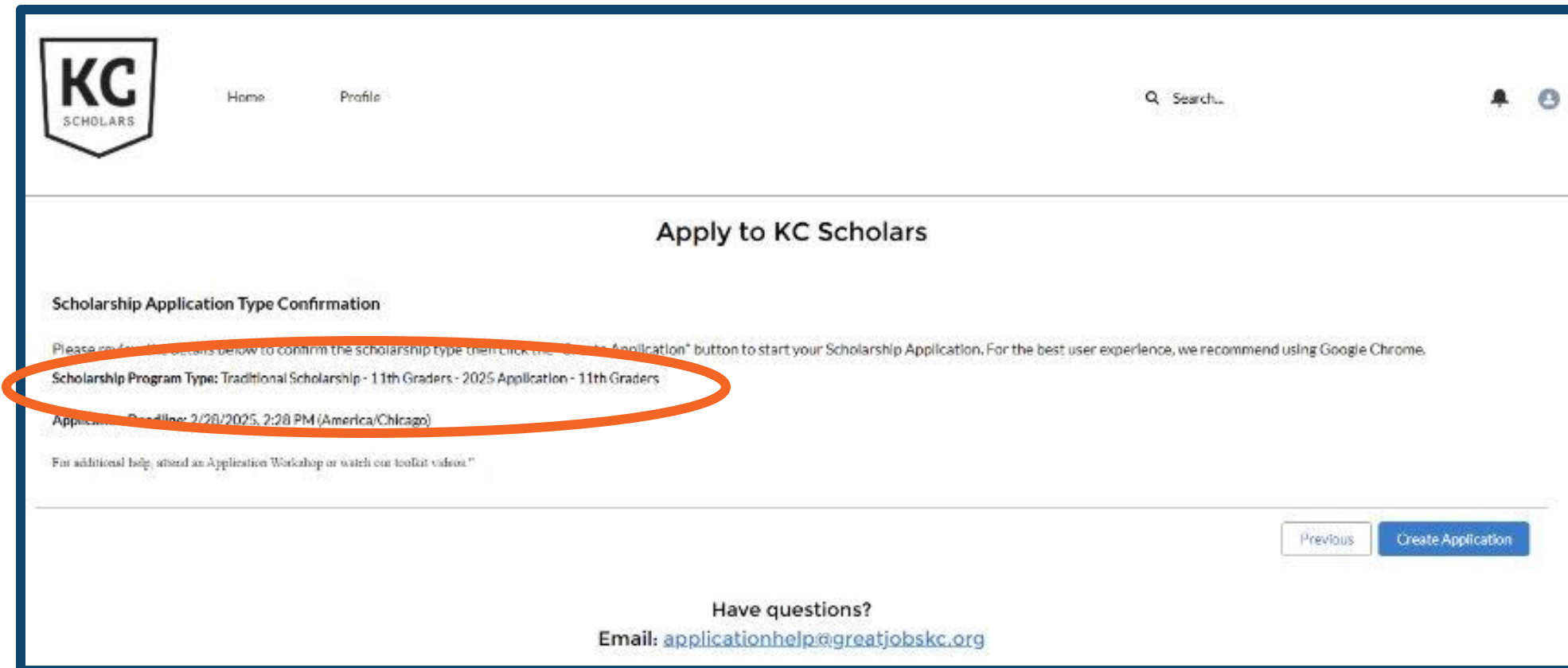
* Program
--None--

Next

Have questions?
Email: applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org

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Double check information to ensure you are creating the right application. Click "Create Application" once ready.



The screenshot shows the 'Apply to KC Scholars' page. At the top left is the 'KC SCHOLARS' logo. Navigation links for 'Home' and 'Profile' are in the top center. A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Search...' is on the top right, along with notification and user icons. The main heading is 'Apply to KC Scholars'. Below it is the section 'Scholarship Application Type Confirmation'. A paragraph of instructions follows: 'Please read the options below to confirm the scholarship type then click the "Create Application" button to start your Scholarship Application. For the best user experience, we recommend using Google Chrome.' The text 'Scholarship Program Type: Traditional Scholarship - 11th Graders - 2025 Application - 11th Graders' is circled in red. Below this, the deadline is listed: 'Application Deadline: 2/28/2025, 2:28 PM (America/Chicago)'. A note at the bottom of the section says: 'For additional help, attend an Application Workshop or watch our toolkit videos.' At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: 'Previous' and 'Create Application'. At the very bottom, there is a link for 'Have questions?' with the email address 'applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org'.

KC SCHOLARS

Home Profile

Search...

Apply to KC Scholars

Scholarship Application Type Confirmation

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- Review items needed for the Eligibility section.
- You have 3 attempts to complete the section.

KC Scholars Home Apply My Applications Search...

Apply to KC Scholars

Take the Eligibility Quiz

Take the eligibility quiz to see if you qualify for our program. In order to complete the quiz, you will need your family's completed 2023 tax returns. The quiz must be completed in one sitting. You can view the questions without submitting the quiz.

Estimated time: 10 minutes

You have 3 attempts remaining.

[Complete the Checklist](#)

Have questions? Reach out and we'll respond as soon as we can!
Email: Applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org

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Eligibility Checklist

Before you start your eligibility check, we want you to know that all information provided will be kept confidential and protected by KC Scholars.

Programs

Degree Seeking - Adult Learners

Attempt Number

Only 3 attempts allowed

1

Select the county in which you reside.*

Cass (MO)

I will be 18 or older by February 20, 2025.*

Please Select

I intend to use my KC Scholars scholarship to.*

Please Select

I have earned a high school diploma or equivalent.*

Please Select

I have earned a bachelor's degree.*

Please Select

KC Scholars was designed to serve low- and modest-income students and adults. KC Scholars uses the Student Aid Index (SAI) calculation to determine financial need eligibility. SAI is calculated according to a formula established by the U.S. Department of Education. The SAI is not your income but is a calculation based in part on household income and household assets, and other tax-related data. To determine financial need eligibility for KC Scholars, applicants must:

1. Complete the Federal Student Aid Estimator using 2023 household income and tax information.
2. Review Federal Student Aid Estimator frequently asked questions if needed.
3. Enter the SAI value below as it appeared in the Federal Student Aid Estimator. The SAI will appear on the confirmation page after you complete the estimator.

Estimator: <https://studentaid.gov/sai-estimator/>

#APSA Website: <https://studentaid.gov/highered/sai-faq>

Example of FSA Estimator Results Page

Estimates
These results are based on a sample estimate of the income and assets that you would report on your FSA form. They are not a guarantee of your actual income and assets.

Estimated Federal Student Aid

\$1,200

Federal Student Aid is the U.S. Department of Education's loan repayment program. It allows you to receive federal student aid (loans, grants, and scholarships) to help pay for your education. To be eligible for federal student aid, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, at least 18 years old, and have a high school diploma or GED. You must also be a member of the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid (FSA) program.

Estimated Federal Student Aid (SAI) \$1,200
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Maximum Federal Student Aid (SAI)

Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI)

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Submit SAI

Location of Estimated SAI Value to Report in Eligibility Quiz

Student Aid Estimator SAI

Please enter your Student Aid Index (SAI) value in the space below. Your estimated SAI value is found in a gray box midway down the estimator results page. Do not use the value in the gray box at the top of the page. See the example below.

If you received a negative number, please enter zero.

Provide calculation on the Student Aid Estimator, my SAI is

Example of FSA Estimator Results Page, Download Information

Print or Download Estimated Information

Print or Download SAI

Print

Next Step

File/Image upload

Choose files to upload here

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Student Aid Estimator SAI Verification*

☐ I verify that I read the statement above and completed the Student Aid Estimator with my 2023 household income information to calculate my SAI.

Second Quiz Score

Verification*

☐ I'm not a robot



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Use the SAI score listed at the bottom of the final page of the FSA Estimator.

Remember to upload a PDF of your Estimated Information.

Apply to KC Scholars

Application for

Scholarship Application Type: Traditional Scholarship - 11th Graders - 2025 Application

Name:

Email:

Grade Level:

Scholarship Application Instructions

- Application Deadline is 2/28/2025, 2:28 PM (America/Chicago Timezone)
- Complete all required sections
- A green check mark will appear when section is complete
- Save and exit if you cannot complete in one sitting
- "Exit" button will appear after green check mark appears on all required sections

☒	Eligibility Checklist	
☐	Application Details * Fill out personal information. Estimated time: 60 minutes	Edit Section
☐	Parent/Guardian Information * Required for all Match and Traditional Applicants. Estimated time: 10 minutes	Edit Section
☐	Personal Statements * Respond to question prompts to help KC Scholars understand how you will benefit from a scholarship. Estimated time: 45 minutes	Edit Section
☐	Recommender Form * Submit one recommendation request. Estimated Time: 5 minutes	Edit Section
☐	Upload Transcripts * Upload a copy of your transcripts.	Edit Section
☐	Upload Test Scores (Optional) Upload a copy of your SAT/ACT scores. NOTE: If you do not have the required minimum 2.5 GPA, you are <i>required</i> to upload test scores.	Edit Section
☐	Sign Participation Agreement & Scholar Code of Conduct * Parent/Guardian signature is required for anyone under the age of 18.	Sign Form

* Sections required

After successfully completing the Eligibility section, you will see the application.

The green check means the section is complete.

Click "Edit Section" to view additional application pages.

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Personal Information

Traditional Scholarship - 11th Graders - 2026 Application - 11th Graders

Are you (the student) under the age of 18?

--None--

First Name

Last Name

Preferred First Name (Optional)

Date of Birth (Format must be MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number

If you do not have a social security number, please enter nine (9) zeros. This information is used for Institution-Sponsored awarding.

Gender

Female

Pronouns

--None--

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin?

--None--

What is the main language spoken at home?

English

Save and Exit

Next

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Example screenshot of the 2025 Applicant Details application section.

(Note: Additional **Applicant Details** pages include questions regarding High School Details, Involvements and Commitments, College Interest Information, and the College-Specific Scholarship.)

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Example screenshot of the 2025 Parent / Guardian section.

Application In Progress

My Parent / Guardian Relationships

2 of 2 items • 0 items selected

☐

Related Contact Full Name

▼

☐

Type

▼

☐

Description

▼

☐

Status

▼

☐

Emergency Contact

☐	Mr. Test Test	Parent / Guardian	Father	Current	✓
☐	Mrs. Test Test	Parent / Guardian	Mother	Current	

 Add New Parent / Guardian

 Edit Selected Relationships

Return to Application



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Personal Statements

INSTRUCTIONS:

Scholarship applicants are required to complete two personal statements. All questions are required. You can save and return to this form for editing as many times as needed until you submit the overall application.

For each personal statement, the response must be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 750 words. Personal statements must also be written in English to aid in the Community Review process. The purpose of a personal statement is to learn about you. Your personal statements will be scored by Community Reviewers based on a rubric. Community Reviewers would like to hear your true voice; we discourage the use of AI.

KC Scholars will not return any information submitted for this application process including your response to the personal statements. We suggest you save a copy of your responses if you plan to use them in the future. Please read over essay prior to submitting.

Describe a defining moment in your life that significantly influenced who you are today. How did this moment impact your personal growth, and what did you learn from it?*

750 Word Limit

Reflect on your passions and interests. What motivates you to pursue a college degree? How will this degree help you achieve your personal and career goals? Share how you plan to incorporate your passions and interests into your college experience.*

750 Word Limit

Writing Reminders:

- **Directly Answer the Prompt:** Make sure your personal statements fully address each part of the prompt.
- **Clear Structure:** Check that your personal statements are well-organized, with a logical flow from one idea to the next.
- **Depth of Reflection:** Ensure your personal statements include thoughtful reflection on your experiences and growth.
- **Specific Examples:** Use concrete examples to illustrate your points rather than general statements.
- **Link to Future Goals:** Clearly connect your experiences or passions to your personal and career goals.

I confirm that the personal statements are my own work and not that of someone else.*

☐ Yes

Verification*

☐ I'm not a robot



Save Responses



Example screenshot of the 2025 Personal Statements application section.

(Note: The personal statement prompts change each year. For up-to-date resources and personal statements, visit the [Scholarship Application Resources](#) webpage.)

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Example screenshot of the 2025 Manage Recommendations section.

HomeApplyMy Applications

Search...



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Application | Manage Recommendations

This application needs 1 completed Recommendation.

This form should be completed by someone of the applicant's choice (e.g. previous or current teacher, counselor or adviser, mentor, employer, community leader, etc.) who can address and help KC Scholars assess the applicant's preparation for and motivation to attain a college education. The recommender cannot be a family member of the applicant.

Your recommendation(s) must be completed by your recommender(s) before you can submit your completed application.

If completing on a mobile device, rotate your phone horizontally to more easily view the table columns.

Click the "Request Recommendation" button below to get started on this section.

0 of 0 items • 0 items selected

☐	App Recommendation Name	Sent Date	Sent To	Status	Type
No items to display.					

 Cancel Selected Recommendations

 Request Recommendation

 Send Reminder Email

Return to Application

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Example screenshot of the 2025 Transcripts section.

Application In Progress

If completing on a mobile device, rotate your phone horizontally to more easily view the table columns.

Application | Upload Transcripts : Upload a copy of your transcripts as a PDF file.

Existing Files

0 of 0 items • 0 items selected

☐	Title	File Extension	File Type	Created
No items to display.				

Delete Selected Files

Download File

Upload New Files

Return to Application



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Example screenshot of the 2025 Test Scores section.

Application In Progress

Instructions:

- If you have not taken the ACT or SAT, skip this section. An ACT or SAT score is required for applicants with less than a 2.5 GPA. To view the requirements (GPA, class rank, ACT Score etc.) for institutions in our Postsecondary Network, visit this site.
- If you have taken the ACT or SAT, upload a copy of your test score page.
- When uploading Test scores files, multiple files may be uploaded at a time.

Upload

 Upload Files Or drop files

Submit

Return to Application



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Participation Agreement and Scholar Code of Conduct

Participation Agreement:

Great Jobs KC (GJKC) requires a high level of participation in high school and college for all KC Scholars scholarship recipients. This agreement describes what will be expected.

Legal Name*

Manasa Bethi

To achieve its desired impact and monitor the effectiveness of the KC Scholars scholarship program (KCS), these authorizations are being requested by Great Jobs Kansas City:

- Authorization for GJKC to share your contact information with postsecondary network institutions that you expressed interest in this application in attending.
- Authorization for GJKC to communicate with your campus of enrollment regarding information relevant to your participation in GJKC.
- Authorization for GJKC to communicate with GJKC Advisor Partners providing you college advisement and persistence and completion support regarding information relevant to your participation in GJKC.
- Authorization for GJKC to obtain and share information about you with a third-party researcher for purposes of evaluation of GJKC.
- Authorization for GJKC to share information with partners for the purpose of connecting you to opportunities in the regional workforce.
- Authorization for GJKC to take photos and make audio, visual, and audiovisual recordings of you in connection with GJKC.
- Agreement to remain in contact with GJKC and inform us of changes in your address, phone number, or email address.
- Agreement to participate in assigned student support program, KCS and GJKC programming, and check-ins.

NOTE: If you are under the age of 18, you must have this form countersigned by your parent/guardian. Before you enroll in college, you will also be required to sign a separate Release of Information Form that will be provided to the college/university you will attend.

Applicant Name*

First*

Last*

Date of Signature*

MM/DD/YYYY



Applicant Signature*



A parent / guardian signature is required if the student is less than 18 years of age at the time of signing this participation agreement.

Are you 18 years or older?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Verification*



I'm not a robot



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SUBMIT FORM



**Example
screenshot of the
2025 Participation Agreement &
Scholar Code of
Conduct
application
section.**

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Ready to SUBMIT?

Once all required sections have a **green check mark**,
a **green SUBMIT button** will appear at the bottom of the screen.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Support Resources



IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

- Held weekly throughout the open applications. [Check here](#) for schedule and link.



SAI ESTIMATOR GUIDE

- Utilize [guide](#) & [video](#) for completing the Eligibility portion of the applications.



APPLICATION CHECKLISTS

- Utilize the [Traditional Scholarship Checklist](#) for completing the application.



APPLICATION RESOURCES

- [Review](#) the linked resources and common FAQ on our website.



NEW!! CHATBOT KC

- Utilize [ChatBot KC](#) found on our website to get FAQs answered in real-time 24/7.



Important Dates

Application Opens: January 8, 2026

Application Closes: February 27, 2026, at 5:00p.m.

Awards Day: May 5, 2026

KC SCHOLARS RAFFLE



Complete this form and submit a Traditional application by the deadline to enter the KC Scholars raffle for a chance to win an exciting prize:

- HP Chromebook 14, laptop
- Beats solo buds, headphones
- JBL Go 4, speaker

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/fEGEMVt4yB>

