

KC Scholars Traditional Scholarship Application Workshop

Application Window: January 8 - February 27, 2026

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**SCHOLARS
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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.

Let's **START YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION!**

Create an Account

- Go to greatjobskc.org
- Click **Apply Now --> Register** for an account
- Check your email and click the confirmation link

Scholarship Application Resources

- Go to greatjobskc.org
- Hover over **Resources --> Scholarship Application Resources**
- These resources will be helpful as you complete your application

Eligibility Section

- You have three attempts to successfully complete the eligibility section.
- Before you begin the section, you will need to determine your Student Aid Index using the Federal Student Aid Estimator.
 - Use the [*Federal Student Aid Estimator Guide](#) to assist you with the estimator
- If you are unable to complete the Federal Student Aid Estimator at this moment, there are other tasks you can still complete. You can:
 - Write personal statements in a Word or Google document. You can find the prompts on the [Traditional Checklist](#)*
 - Find your unofficial transcript

***Found on the Scholarship Application Resource page**

Applicant Details Section

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY

- If not awarded a Traditional Scholarship, you may be considered for a College-Specific Scholarship. If you receive a College-Specific Scholarship, it can only be used at the assigned school. To be considered, you must check "Yes" for consideration in the application within the Applicant Details section.
 - Checking 'Yes' will not decrease your chance of being considered for a Traditional scholarship, it increases your chance of receiving a scholarship overall!
 - You will be asked to rank your top 3 schools that offer the College-Specific Scholarship.
- Use the *[College-Specific Education Packet](#) to help guide your choices and learn more.
- Use the *[Find Your College](#) tool to research the schools that fit your dream and eligibility. This tool helps you explore colleges that fit your interests.
- Review the *[College-Specific Quick Guide](#) to check if you are eligible for the school's College-Specific scholarship. This guide lists the requirements like housing, GPA, citizenship status, and more for each College-Specific school.
- ***Found on the Scholarship Application Resource page**

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

- Write personal statements in a Word or Google document. You can paste your final draft into the application section. You will not receive a copy of your personal statements back upon submitting.
- **ChatGPT is a great tool for brainstorming, outlining, and reviewing. However, personal statements should be written in your voice, not by AI. We want to hear YOUR story! Personal statements with a high level of AI detected will be further reviewed and may be subject to point deductions.**
- Use the guides below, found in the Personal Statement section, for examples on how to responsibly use AI when writing your personal statements.
 - [A Student's Guide to Writing with ChatGPT](#)
 - [How to Write an Essay with ChatGPT](#)

RECOMMENDATION

- Current teachers, counselors, advisers, mentors, employers, and community leaders make great recommenders! Select someone who knows you well and can showcase your character.
- A recommender cannot be a family member or friend of the applicant.
- On the application, you will submit the name and email address of your recommender. They will receive a short form to complete. External recommendation letters are not accepted.
- Applicants cannot submit their applications until their recommender completes the Recommender Form.

TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST SCORES

- Upload your unofficial transcripts
- Transcripts must include grades from 9th Grade, 10th Grade, and the Fall semester of your 11th Grade year.
- Upload your test scores if you have taken the ACT/SAT (optional)
 - An ACT score of 16 is required if you have below a 2.5 cumulative unweighted GPA

Ready to **SUBMIT**?

- Once all required sections have a **green check** mark, a green **SUBMIT** button will appear at the bottom of the screen.
- Review all sections thoroughly before submitting.
- Upon submission, the applicant will receive a confirmation email.

Additional Support Resources



COMMUNITY AND VIRTUAL APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

- Attend a workshop in the fall or spring during the application window. [Check here](#) for schedule and link.



APPLICATION RESOURCES

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



NEW!! CHATBOT KC

- Utilize [ChatBot KC](#) 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>

