



**Great  
Jobs**



**Great Jobs KC &  
KC Scholars Programs  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Specific**



50,000 Kansas  
City families in  
family sustaining  
jobs within the  
next 10 years.

# History – Mission - Goals

## **History**

- Community planned. Community asset.
- Launched in September 2016. First awards in May 2017.
- Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and 300+ community donors.

## **Mission**

- To increase postsecondary education attainment in the greater Kansas City area.

## **Goals**

- 80% college graduation in 5 years or less
- 80% of college graduates will work in the KC Region

# Great Jobs KC Programs

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COLLEGE SAVINGS MATCH	TRADITIONAL	ADULT LEARNER	GREAT JOBS KC
<b>Jan. 9- Feb. 23</b>	<b>Jan. 9- Feb. 23</b>	<b>Nov. 14- Dec. 14</b>	<b>Apply anytime</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current 9th graders</li> <li>• Up to 250 awarded annually</li> <li>• \$50 deposit in college savings account</li> <li>• 1:1 match &amp; incentives up to \$1,400</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current 11th graders</li> <li>• Minimum 250 awarded annually</li> <li>• \$50,000 to be applied up to 6 years OR obtain a bachelor's degree</li> <li>• University Only Scholarships* – Avila University, Northwest Missouri State University, University of Missouri, University of St. Mary, and William Jewell College</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 150 awarded annually</li> <li>• Completion of a bachelor's degree</li> <li>• Up to \$5,000/semester paid directly to the college up to a bachelor's degree or 6-years of scholarship support</li> <li>• Enroll full-time or part-time</li> <li>• 18+ years of age with high school diploma or GED</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition-free job training for those who currently earn less than \$45K</li> <li>• High demand, high paying career paths</li> <li>• 17+ years of age</li> </ul>

KC Scholars

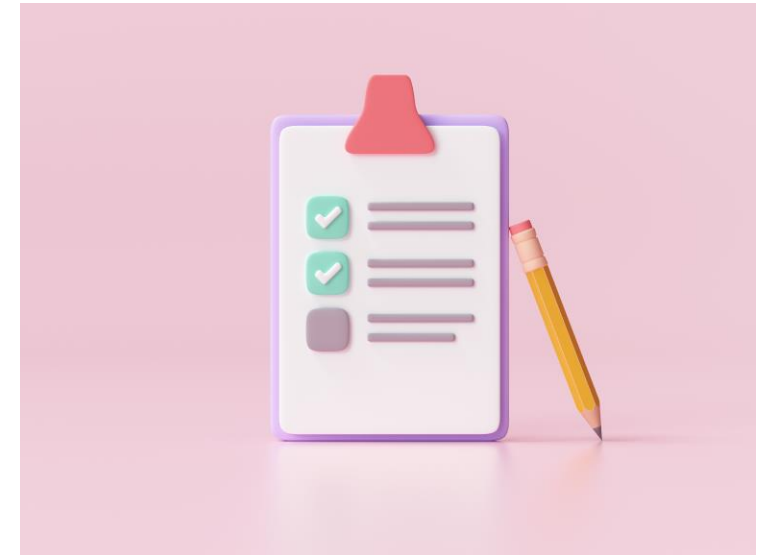
POST-SECONDARY NETWORK PARTNERS



# College Savings Match- 9th Graders

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Current 9th grader.
- Live in or attend public, charter or private school in 6 eligible counties: Wyandotte & Johnson (KS) - Cass, Clay, Jackson & Platte (MO).
- Income eligible (12,000 or less Student Aid Index on Federal Student Aid Estimator).
- 2.5 cumulative unweighted GPA in first semester of 9th grade.
- Every 529 college savings account must have a designated account owner that is 18 years or older and a U.S Citizen or resident alien with a valid Social Security number or other taxpayer identification number.



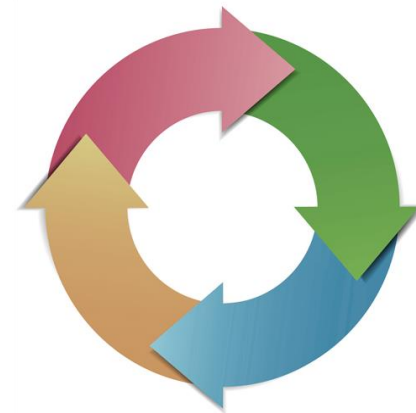
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## SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- Up to 250 will be selected for the Match and Incentives Program
- 1:1 match on college savings, up to \$1,000
- Additionally, up to \$400 available for achieving college-ready milestones during high school
- One-time award aid directly to the college; Up to \$1,400

## APPLICATION CYCLE

- January 9 - February 23
- Award notification on May 1, 2024



# What can 9th graders do now to prepare?

## ITEMS YOU CAN DO NOW & PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION OPENING ON JANUARY 9:

### 1. Determine income eligibility:

- Complete Federal Student Aid Estimator with **2022** household income & asset info

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### 2. KC Scholars requires completion of two personal statement prompts with 250-750 words for each prompt. Start now!

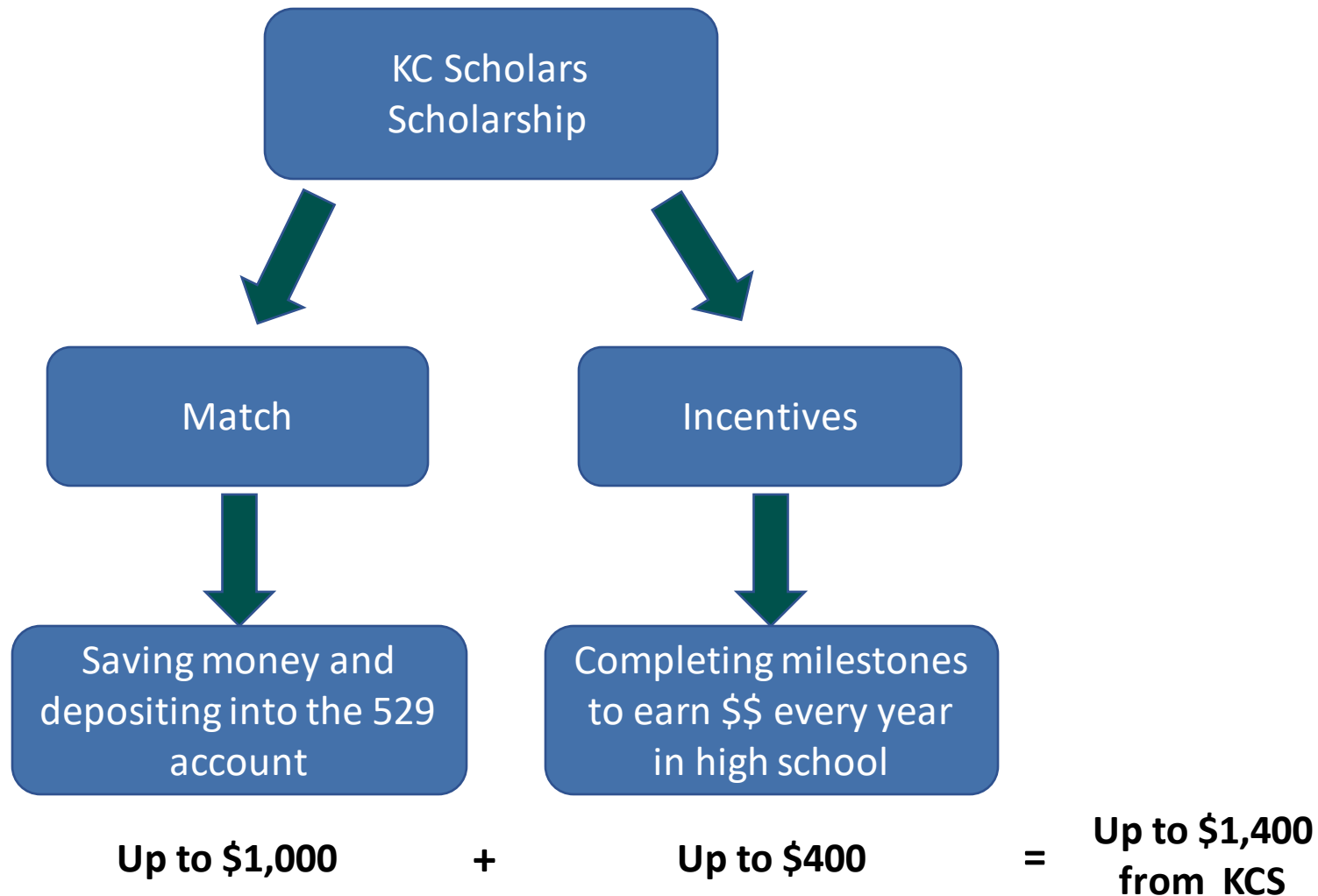
1. Describe a time when you worked hard to achieve a goal and succeeded. What was the goal and what steps did you take to achieve the goal?
2. How would receiving this award impact your desire and ability to go to college?

### 3. Identify and speak to one recommender

- Recommender #1 – must be a teacher or counselor
- Recommender will complete an online form after application opens
- Applicants must provide KC Scholars with the name and email address of the recommender
- Recommendation letters are **not** accepted.



# Match vs. Incentive Components



# Educational Savings Programs



# Ways we will support you



Zoom office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays of Jan and Feb of 2024

Tuesdays 11 am to 1 pm

Thursdays 4 pm to 6 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8586804681>



In person application workshops at your high schools



Email [scholarships@kcscholars.org](mailto:scholarships@kcscholars.org)

Response will happen within 24 hours



Call 816.581.5700

Voicemails will be returned within 48 hours

# Important Dates for 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Graders

**JANUARY**

**9**

**Application Opens**

**FEBRUARY**

**23**

**Application Deadline**

**MAY**

**1**

**Awards Announced**

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A chance to learn. The power to earn.

## Thank You!

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