

# KC Scholars Eligibility Workshop

2027 Application Cycle

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# Agenda



Application Journey



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# 11th-Grade College Scholarship

## 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 2028.

## APPLICATION CYCLE

- January 7 - February 26 at 5:00 p.m. CST.
- Award notification on May 4, 2027 via email and paper mail.

# 11th-Grade College Scholarship

## 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).
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative high school unweighted GPA or at least a 16 on the ACT or at least an 800 on the SAT)
  - All applicants must provide proof of grades and credits from five semesters (9th grade to the fall semester of 11th grade). If transcript or grade report documentation does not include the cumulative unweighted GPA, KC Scholars will calculate during application review.
- 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 to apply. See [College-Specific Education Packet](#) for further guidance on College-Specific eligibility.

# APPLICATIONS

OPEN JANUARY

CLOSE END OF FEB

APPLY

REVIEW

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**Let's Create a KC Scholars  
Application Account!**

# How to create a KC Scholars Account

1. Go to [myportal.kcscholars.org/s/](https://myportal.kcscholars.org/s/)
2. Click on **Create Your Account**
3. Create your account
  - Use your own personal email
  - "Contact site administrator" message: return to [myportal.kcscholars.org/s/](https://myportal.kcscholars.org/s/), click **Log in**, then **Reset Password**. Follow the reset password instructions. This process will still help create your new account.
4. Check your email to confirm your KC Scholars Account and log in.
5. After you log in, click **Apply/ Resume**.
6. **PAUSE** once you log in to your account and are on the Eligibility Section. **DO NOT CLICK START ON THE ELIGIBILITY PAGE.**

# Let's review the Eligibility Section!

FEARLESS

BOLD

STRONG

BRAVE

BRA

WAGEOUS

RESILIENT

## Apply to KC Scholars

### Eligibility

Complete the Eligibility section of the application to see if you qualify for scholarship consideration.

For this section, you will need:

- Your or your parent/guardian's completed 2024 tax returns.
- An SAI of 12,000 or less.
- A PDF of your SAI from the Federal Student Aid Estimator (link and instructions on the following page).

This section must be completed in one sitting. You cannot save and return.

This section can be completed before the scholarship applications are open. The final page will explain if you are eligible or not and next steps.

Estimated time: 10 minutes

You have 3 attempts remaining.

START

Have questions? Reach out and we'll respond as soon as we can!

Email: [Applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org](mailto:Applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org)



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THE POWER  
TO EARN

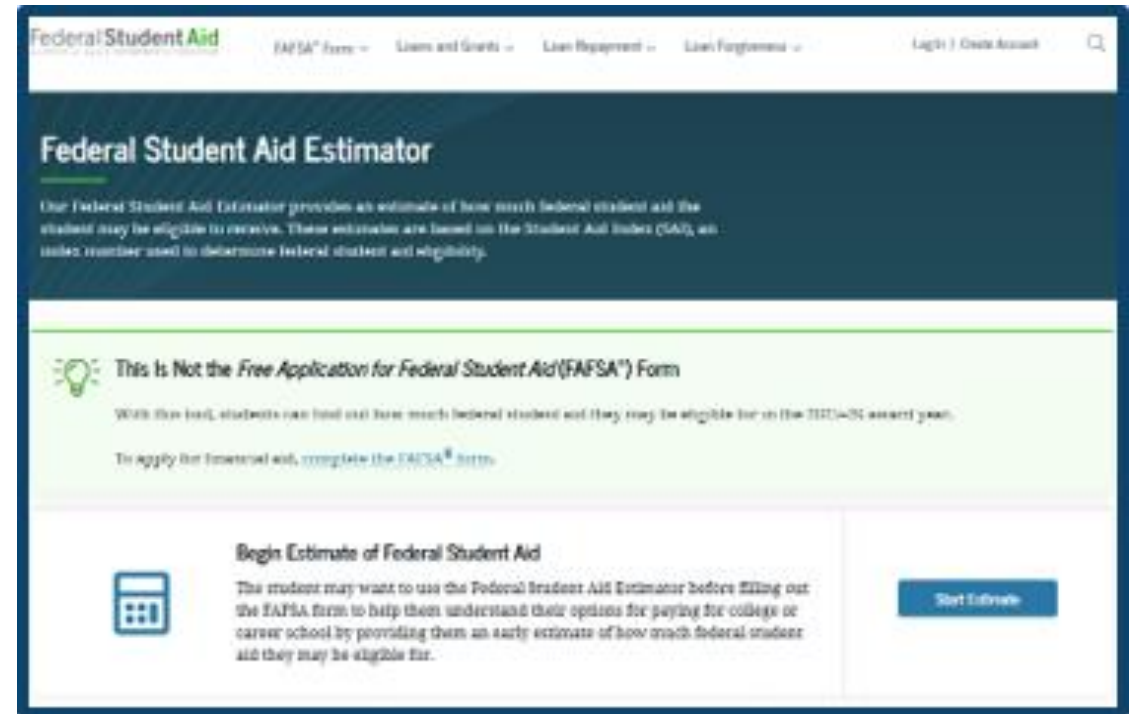
**READY TO BEGIN?**

**[studentaid.gov/ai](https://studentaid.gov/ai)**



# What is the Federal Student Aid (FSA) Estimator? ([Link](#))

- A free financial aid calculation that provides an early estimate of a student's eligibility for federal student aid.
- Assists families in planning for college!



# How and Why does KC Scholars Use the FSA Estimator?

- The **Student Aid Index (SAI)** calculated on the [Federal Student Aid Estimator](#) helps determine low to modest income applicants.
- The SAI must be 12,000 or less to be eligible to apply for the [11th Grade](#) and [Adult Learner](#) scholarships.
- Applicants are required to upload the downloaded PDF of estimated SAI to their application.
- This step is completed first within the application (Eligibility) to ensure eligibility is met by applicants before proceeding.

# Federal Student Aid Estimator Guide

<https://greatjobskc.org/info/scholarships/federal-student-aid-estimator-guide.pdf>

**You can find the Federal Student Aid Estimator Guide on the Scholarship Application Resources page on our website!**

## Additional information on:

- Independent vs. Dependent.
- Parent(s) definition.
- Unusual circumstance assistance.
- Citizenship status.
- Helpful FAFSA resources linked.

# Let's Practice Completing the Federal Student Aid Estimator:

- Visit <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/> to begin and click "Start Estimate".
- Refer to the "Help" link on each page or (?) next to each question if you need more information.
- Questions will change on the screen according to answers provided.

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## Federal Student Aid Estimator

Our Federal Student Aid Estimator provides an estimate of how much federal student aid the student may be eligible to receive. These estimates are based on the Student Aid Index (SAI), an index number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.

This Is Not the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* Form

With this tool, students can find out how much federal student aid they may be eligible for in the 2025–26 award year.

To apply for financial aid, [complete the FAFSA® form.](#)

**Begin Estimate of Federal Student Aid**

The student may want to use the Federal Student Aid Estimator before filling out the FAFSA form to help them understand their options for paying for college or career school by providing them an early estimate of how much federal student aid they may be eligible for.

**Start Estimate**



# Important Dates

**Application Opens:** January 7, 2027

**Application Closes:** February 26, 2027, at 5:00p.m.

**Awards Day:** May 4, 2027



# Questions?

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