

KC Scholars Adult Learner Scholarship Application Workshop

Application Window: October 20 – November 20, 2026

Great Jobs 

A chance to learn. The power to earn.

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OUR PROGRAMS

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

11th-Grade College Scholarship:

KC Scholars Scholarship for either a 2 or 4-year degree program that pays up to \$50,000, paid directly to the student's college of choice from the KC Scholars College Network.

11th-Grade College-Specific Scholarship:

KC Scholars Scholarship for either a 2 or 4-year degree program that pays up to \$50,000, paid directly to a specific college in the KC Scholars College Network selected by the student.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Learner Scholarship:

KC Scholars Scholarship for adults 24+ who want to pursue a 2 or 4-year degree program that pays up to \$25,000, paid directly to the college.

Great Jobs KC Skills Training Program:

Short-term training and job skills workshops that are tuition-free, if you qualify, for adults 17+.

GREAT JOBS KC SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM



Visit **greatjobskc.org/job-training/** for more information and a list of all the programs offered.



For questions on the Great Jobs KC Skills Training Program please email **greatjobskc@greatjobskc.org**

FAQ: I want to earn a short-term credential such as a Certified Nursing Assistant, CMA, CDL, Welding, Barbering, etc. Can the Adult Learner Scholarship fund these credentials?

If you are interested in a short-term credential, the **Great Jobs KC Skills Training Program** may be a better fit for you to explore. The Adult Learner Scholarship is intended for college credit-bearing courses and programs that lead toward a degree, such as an associate or bachelor's degree.

Adult Learner Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- Up to \$25,000 paid directly to the college up to a bachelor's degree or 6 years of scholarship support.
- Can enroll full-time or part-time.
- Funding support begins fall 2027.

APPLICATION CYCLE

- October 20 - November 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- Award Notification on February 12, 2027.

Adult Learner Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- High school graduate or GED holder and 24 years or older.
- Live in one of the six eligible counties: Wyandotte & Johnson (KS) - Cass, Clay, Jackson & Platte (MO).
- Income eligible (FAFSA Student Aid Index of 12,000 or less).
- Has not previously earned a bachelor's degree.
- Has not previously been awarded and received a scholarship payment for a KC Scholars Traditional or Adult Learner Scholarship.
- Great Jobs KC and College Savings Match awardees meeting all other eligibility requirements may apply.
- U.S Citizenship/Residency is not required

Where can you attend if you are awarded the Adult Learner Scholarship?

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

Our **KC Scholars College Network** works 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.



Navigating the Application Portal

NOTE: Screenshots are from the 2025 and 2026 scholarship applications. Small changes are made each year to enhance the application experience.

Create or
log into your
existing
account.



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.](#)



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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 [redacted]@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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After account creation, click Apply/Resume to begin.



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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Click the drop-down arrow to select which scholarship type to create an application
(Adult Learner Scholarship or 11th-Grade College 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."

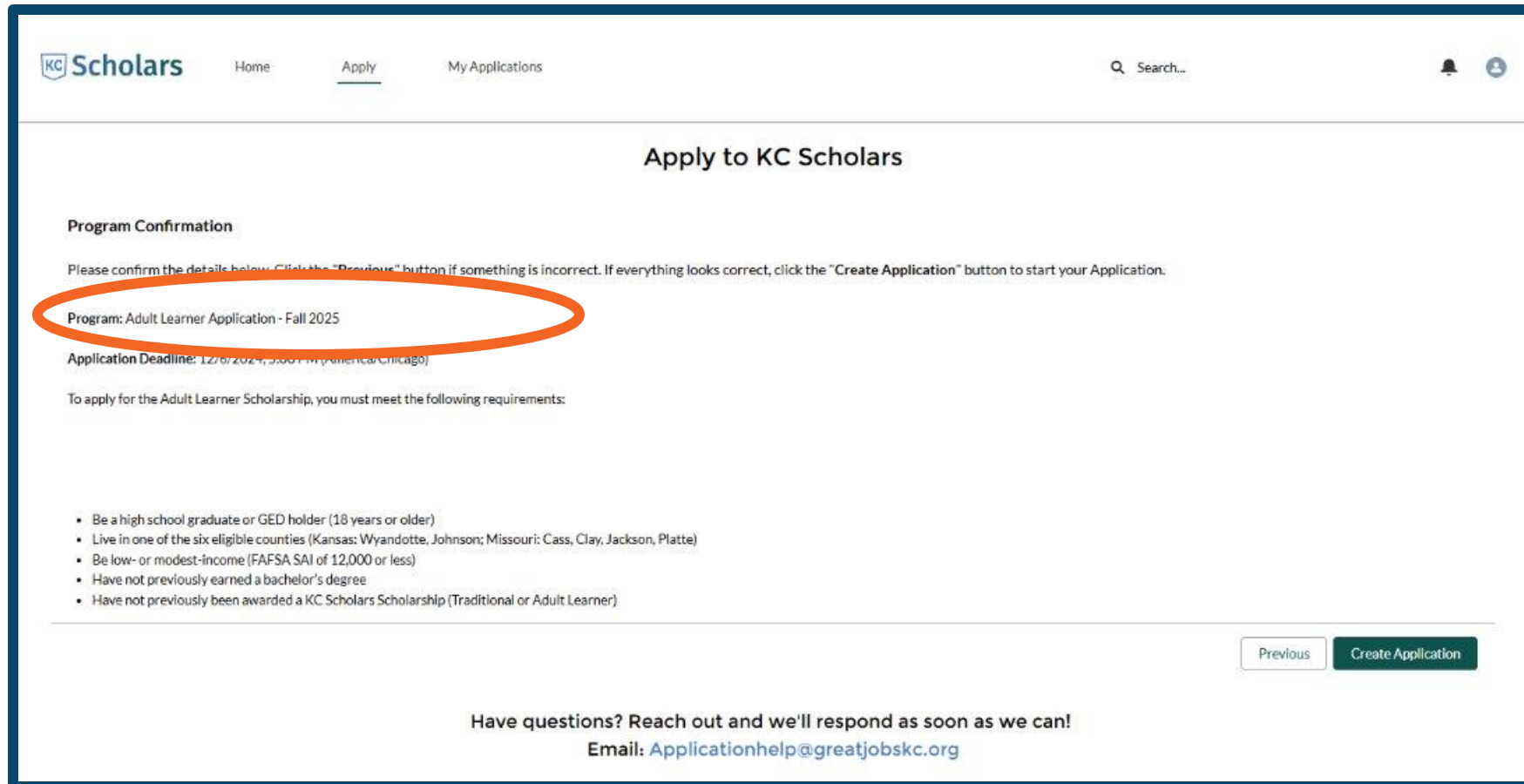
* Program

--None--

Next

Have questions?
Email: applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org

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



KC Scholars Home Apply My Applications Search...

Apply to KC Scholars

Program Confirmation

Please confirm the details below. Click the "Previous" button if something is incorrect. If everything looks correct, click the "Create Application" button to start your Application.

Program: Adult Learner Application - Fall 2025

Application Deadline: 12/6/2024, 5:00 PM (Central Chicago)

To apply for the Adult Learner Scholarship, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a high school graduate or GED holder (18 years or older)
- Live in one of the six eligible counties (Kansas: Wyandotte, Johnson; Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte)
- Be low- or modest-income (FAFSA SAI of 12,000 or less)
- Have not previously earned a bachelor's degree
- Have not previously been awarded a KC Scholars Scholarship (Traditional or Adult Learner)

Previous Create Application

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Eligibility

To review the Eligibility section of the application, use our [**Federal Student Aid Estimator Guide**](#).

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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.

Application for [REDACTED]

Scholarship Application Type: Adult Learner Application - Fall 2026
Name: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Grade Level: 11th Grade

Scholarship Application Instructions

- Application Deadline is 12/5/2025, 5:00 PM (America/Regina 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
- "Submit" 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
	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
	Sign Participation Agreement & Scholar Code of Conduct * Parent/Guardian signature is required for anyone under the age of 18.	Sign Form

Section is required

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

Scholarship applicants are required to complete two personal statements. You can save and return to this form to edit during the open application period. KC Scholars encourages drafting personal statements in a Word or Google document. When ready, you may paste your final draft into the form below.

Personal Statements must be:

- A minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 750 words.
- Written in English.
- Written in your voice, not by AI (artificial intelligence).

Personal statements are scored by Scholarship Reviewers based on a rubric provided by KC Scholars. Review the writing reminders below as these come from the scoring rubric.

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.
- **Depth of Reflection:** Include thoughtful reflection on your experiences and growth.
- **Specific Examples:** Use clear examples to help us learn more about you rather than general statements.
- **Link to Future Goals:** Clearly connect your experiences and passions to your future.

Artificial Intelligence Use:

AI tools like ChatGPT are helpful for brainstorming, outlining, and revising your personal statement drafts. However, final personal statements should be written in your voice, not by an AI. We want to hear YOUR story! KC Scholars will utilize an AI detection tool in the evaluation of personal statements. Personal statements with a high level of AI detected will be further reviewed and may be subject to point deductions.

Use the guides below 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](#)

KC Scholars will not return any information from your application, including copies of personal statements. Please save a copy of your personal statements

Applicant Email

Everyone has a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful that their application would be incomplete without it. Please share your story.*

750 Word Limit

Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. How does this motivate you to pursue a college degree?*

750 Word Limit

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

☐ Yes

Verification*

☐ I'm not a robot
This site is powered by reCAPTCHA v3
[Integrate this script](#)



Save Responses

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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Recommendation application section



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Application In Progress

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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Transcripts application section

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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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For best user experience, it is recommended to view this site using Google Chrome browser

FAQ: I do not have access to my high school transcripts/diploma or my college transcripts.

We advise applicants to reach out to their institution's Registrar's Office or district office to request a copy of their unofficial transcript. We strongly encourage applicants to provide their college academic information, if applicable. However, a high school transcript, diploma, or equivalent will suffice to meet the eligibility requirement.

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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*

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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.



Participation Agreement & Scholar Code of Conduct application section

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*



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SUBMIT FORM

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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.



Application Quick Links

CONTACT

applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org

WEBPAGES

[Adult Learner Scholarship Information \(24+\)](#)

[11th-Grade College Scholarship](#)

[Scholarship Application Resources](#)

[Application Workshop Schedule](#)

[Apply](#)



Important Dates

ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP (24+)

Application Opens: Oct. 20, 2026, at 8:00a.m.

Application Closes: Nov. 20, 2026, at 5:00p.m.

Awards Day: February 12, 2027

11th-GRADE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Application Opens: Jan. 7, 2027, at 8:00a.m.

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

Awards Day: May 4, 2027

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Support Resources



VIRTUAL APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

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



SAI ESTIMATOR GUIDE

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



APPLICATION CHECKLISTS

- Utilize [Adult Learner Scholarship Checklists](#) 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.

Questions?

applicationhelp@greatjobskc.org