



WHAT IS A KC SCHOLARS COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP?



One of nearly an UNLIMITED number of opportunities valued at up to \$50,000 that can be applied toward a degree at ONLY the specific college offering it.

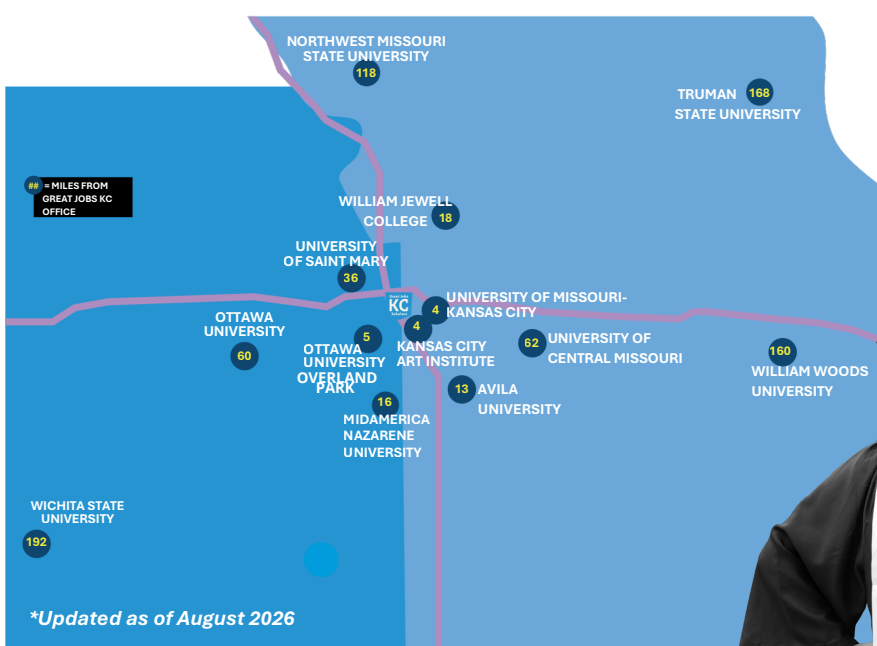
WHERE DOES COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP MONEY COME FROM?

College-Specific Scholarships are made available through an agreement between the specific college and KC Scholars. A College-Specific Scholarship cannot be honored at any other KC Scholars College Network institution and is not transferable to any other institution, as the funding is tied to the awarding campus.

HOW DOES THE COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP WORK?

Here's an example: A student who receives a UMKC-Specific Scholarship must remain eligible for the scholarship by adhering to both the KC Scholars guidelines and UMKC-Specific guidelines outlined in their offer letter. Finally, the student may only use the scholarship at UMKC. If a Scholar decides to transfer, the College-Specific Scholarship will cease at the time of transfer, at which time, the Scholar will become ineligible to receive or renew it.

WHICH COLLEGES OFFER THE COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS?



SCAN QR CODE AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PACKET FOR LIST OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS.



COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP



TOP 3 REASONS TO SELECT A COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP

1. BIG MONEY FOR COLLEGE

YOU CAN GET UP TO \$50,000 TO HELP PAY FOR YOUR DEGREE!

2. THE COLLEGE HAS YOUR BACK

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS PART OF A DEAL BETWEEN KC SCHOLARS AND THAT COLLEGE, SO THEY'RE SERIOUS ABOUT HELPING YOU SUCCEED.

3. CLEAR AND SIMPLE PATH

YOUR SCHOLARSHIP IS JUST FOR THAT ONE COLLEGE, SO YOU ALREADY DID THE HARD WORK OF FIGURING OUT WHICH COLLEGE IS RIGHT FOR YOU. NOW, LET'S WORK TOGETHER TOWARD YOUR COLLEGE GOALS.



SHOULD I SAY YES TO BEING CONSIDERED FOR A COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP?

FIRST, decide if you are interested in and able to attend any one of the colleges.

How do you decide? (Scan or click the QR code at the end of this packet to find all the links)

1. Do a search using our [Find Your College Tool](#) to find your best-fit college.
2. Review the [College-Specific Quick Guide](#) to compare each college.
3. Visit the college's website to learn about their degree programs, student life, and more.
4. Reach out to our application team if you need help.
5. Make a list of all the colleges that are a fit for you. Star your top 3.

NEXT, decide what is best for you:



Answer yes to College-Specific opportunities in order to be considered for both Traditional and College-Specific Scholarships. If you are not selected for a Traditional Scholarship, this will give you a nearly unlimited number of opportunities to specific colleges.



Answer no to College-Specific opportunities if the College-Specific schools are not a fit for you. However, you will only be considered for one of 250 available Traditional Scholarships.



IF A COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU, WHAT DO YOU DO?

When starting your application:

1. Select **YES** to be considered for a College-Specific Scholarship.
2. Select your **TOP 3** schools.
3. Start planning your **FUTURE!**



USING THE **COLLEGE-SPECIFIC QUICK GUIDE** TOOL TO DECIDE WHICH **COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS** YOU QUALIFY FOR.



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COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP

QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ASKING YOURSELF TO DETERMINE WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR:

MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- Do my GPA, ACT score, and/or class rank meet the college's admission requirements?
- When I apply to this college, am I likely to be accepted?

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Do I meet the eligibility requirements to be awarded a scholarship to this college?
Some colleges have higher GPA requirements than the KC Scholars application eligibility.

IS THE COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO FAFSA-INELIGIBLE STUDENTS?

- Am I eligible to complete the FAFSA and receive federal student aid?
- Is this scholarship available to students who are FAFSA ineligible?

To file the FAFSA and receive federal student aid, the student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen. [Read here](#) about the certain immigration categories that FAFSA considers as eligible noncitizens.



If you determine that you are not eligible to file the FAFSA, pay particular attention to the "Is the College-Specific Scholarship available to FAFSA-ineligible students?" column on the [College-Specific Quick Guide](#). If you are FAFSA ineligible, KC Scholars strongly recommends you prioritize colleges that have a "yes" in that column when selecting College-Specific preferences.



USING THE **FIND YOUR COLLEGE** TOOL TO DECIDE IF **COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS** COULD BE RIGHT FOR YOU.

FIRST, be sure to select **APPLICABLE** under **COLLEGE-SPECIFIC AWARD** to see **ONLY** schools that offer these scholarships.



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COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP

QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ASKING YOURSELF WHEN USING THE SEARCH FILTERS:



LOCATION

- Do I want to stay close to home or go farther away?
- Do I prefer an urban, suburban, or rural campus?
- Do I understand in-state rules as they apply to tuition costs?
- In-state tuition, offered at public colleges and universities, is a lower tuition rate available to students who are legal residents of the state where the institution is located.
- Private colleges do not have in-state vs out-of-state tuition.
- Many College-Specific institutions offer in-state waivers for neighboring states or agree to offer awarded students in-state tuition. Check the KC Scholars Program Guidelines and the college's tuition and financial aid websites for scholarship and tuition rate details.



PROXIMITY TO KANSAS CITY

- Do I want to be within driving distance of Kansas City?
- How often do I plan to go home?
- Does being near Kansas City vs another city matter to my educational goals?



TYPE OF INSTITUTION

PUBLIC COLLEGE:

- Gets most of its money from the state or local government.
- Usually has lower tuition, especially if you live in the same state.
- Offers many programs and majors.
- Often has big campuses and large class sizes.

PRIVATE COLLEGE:

- Gets money from tuition, donations, and other private sources.
- Usually costs more.
- Has smaller class sizes and more personal attention from professors.
- Can be more flexible with classes and rules.



DEGREES AVAILABLE

- Does the college offer the major or program I'm interested in?
- If I'm unsure about my major, does the college have a variety of programs to explore?



STUDENT POPULATION

- Do I want a big school with lots of people and activities or a smaller school with a more personal environment?
- Would I feel comfortable in a large lecture class or a small discussion-based class?
- How important are extracurriculars, clubs, and student life to me?





STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

- Do I learn better in smaller or larger classes?
- Do I value one-on-one assistance from professors?



COURSE FORMATS

- How important is the traditional classroom setting to me?
- Do I need the flexibility of online classes?
- Will I need evening classes due to work or other commitments?



CAMPUS HOUSING

- If housing is required, am I interested in living on campus?
- If housing is optional, am I interested in living off campus?
- What is the housing community like (residence halls, amenities, etc.)?



GAP FUNDING OFFERED TO KC SCHOLARS

- See which schools provide additional funding for KC Scholars who enroll at their institution [here](#) or scan the QR code at the bottom of this packet.



TUITION CLASSIFICATION OF FAFSA-INELIGIBLE STUDENTS

This means how colleges decide what students who are not eligible to receive federal financial aid have to pay.

- Missouri: Only students who are legal state residents get the lower in-state tuition.
- Kansas: Both legal residents and FAFSA-ineligible students can get the lower in-state tuition.

In-state tuition costs less than out-of-state or international tuition. Private institutions may have only a single tuition rate that applies to all students. FAFSA-ineligible students should review and confirm state laws/regulations and college requirements for tuition rates and financial aid accessibility when selecting College-Specific preferences.

USING THE COLLEGE-SPECIFIC QUICK GUIDE TO DECIDE IF IT'S RIGHT FOR YOU:

1. Locate the **College-Specific Quick Guide**.
2. Print or save the guide so you can take notes.
3. Look at the categories at the top and compare each college.
4. Check if you meet the admissions requirements. **Circle the ones you qualify for.**
5. See if they offer your major, have housing, and award to non-citizen students. **Circle those in a different color.**
6. Make a list of schools you like and qualify for.
7. Put a star by your **TOP 3!**



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