

Scholarships and Financial Aid

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1. Find the university or college you plan to attend by going to www.kansasregents.org for a list of all colleges in Kansas.

Click on *Colleges and Universities*.

Click on *Public* for state universities, junior colleges, and Vo-Techs.

Click on *Private* for commercial colleges (DeVry, ITT Tech., etc.)

Or, go to www.proud2bprivate.com for private colleges such as Bethany or McPherson.

Or, Google your school.

2. Determine the cost for 1 year of tuition, fees, room and board.

3. Determine the amount of local money you might get:

RUSH—See Mrs. Pratt to apply 2nd semester. For Graduates of Hill City High School only. Renewable for 1 – 5 years of college or vo-tech. Based on grades, character references, activity participation, and volunteerism. Resume and letters of reference required.

Application Deadline: April 1, but turn in early.

Last year's awards:

HONOR—\$4,000 for 3.5 GPA and above

MERIT—\$3,000 for 3.0 GPA and above

GRANT—\$2,000 for 2.0 GPA and above

(Students attending ju-co's or vo-tech's may qualify for grants only. They will be eligible for higher amounts when transferring to a 4 year school.)

VESPER— **May deadlines.** Interest free loans through 1st State Bank of Hill City. Pay back after graduation—lowpayments. May apply every semester. You are eligible if you attend a Graham County School—all students may apply for \$500 per semester ; students in the medical fields \$750 per semester. After year 1, \$1,000 or \$750 per semester. Includes all semesters—summer and through graduate school. Call 421-2168.

Delta Kappa Gamma—for female juniors and seniors in college who plan to teach.

Contact Mrs. Mary Lou Pennington. 421-5457

\$250-\$300; essay, reference, transcript, personal letter.

Hill City Alumni—Contact Dirk Parks 421-3391

Masonic Essay—November deadline--\$500—Juniors and Seniors—requires an essay.

Nex-Generation Scholarships—Must live in a household receiving Nex-Tech or Rural Tel service.

nex-generation@nex-tech.com

www.nex-tech.com/nex-generation

Contact: Jacque Beckman, Youth Services/Community Development Coordinator;

jbeckman@nex-tech.com 877-567-7872

2012 Nex-Tec/Rural Telephone Scholarship

1st \$1,500, 2nd \$1,000, 3rd \$500

January 31, 2012 deadline on or before 5 PM to Lenora Office.

jbeckman@nex-tech.com

2012 FRED (Foundation for Rural Education and Development) Scholarship Program

Must live in a household receiving Nex-Tech or Rural Tel service.

Seniors

January 30 deadline by 5pm in Lenora Office

Applications on-line \$1,000 to \$5,000 scholarships.

www.frs.org

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2012 FRS (Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship

Seniors

Must live in a household receiving Nex-Tech or Rural Tel service.

Deadline Postmarked by March 1. By 30 \$2,500 scholarships! www.frs.org

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2012 Nex-Generation Student Internship Program

Must live in a household receiving Nex-Tech or Rural Tel service.

Deadline Feb. 1 by 5pm, Business Office in Lenora

PAID 9 week internship May30-Aug. 3.

Juniors or Seniors

jbeckman@nex-tech.com

2012 FRS (Foundation for Rural Service) Youth Tour

All expense paid trip to Washington, DC June 2-6

Must live in a household receiving Nex-Tech or Rural Tel service.

Deadline March 9 by 5pm to Business in Office in Lenora

Must be age 16-17 by date of tour.

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www.nex-tech.com/nex-generation

www.frs.org

jbeckman@nex-tech.com

2012 PRIMO Scholarship—five of \$500 each

Public Relations Independent Marketing Organization

Seniors (???)

Deadline March 23 by 5pm Business Office in Lenora

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www.nex-tech.com/nex-generation

jbeckman@nex-tech.com

Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc.

1) Steamboat Springs, CO July 14-20, 2012

2) And/or Washington, DC June 14-21, 2012

Juniors

Must live in a household served by Prairie Land Electric

Anna Foley

Youth Tour Coordinator

785-877-3323

800-577-3323

Midwest Energy, Inc.

Juniors

Trip to Washington, DC

www.mwenergy.com

Deadline March 12, 2012
 Contact Brenda Hutchinson 785-625-3437
 1-800-222-3121

4. Determine the dollar amount of Federal Financial Aid you might get. Go to <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

(Note: FAFSA deadline is April 1. Cannot submit an application before January 1 since the aid is dependent upon parents' income for the previous year. You can submit based on last year's taxes and then correct the app. in January. Awarded based on financial need, not grades!)

This tool is a quick calculator; put in estimated figures; it gives estimated amounts of grants, work study, and low interest loans that you may qualify for.

Click on **Tools and Resources**.

Click on **FAFSA4castersm**

Proceed as directed.

To fill out a **PRACTICE FAFSA** on-line, click on **FAFSAsmDemoSite**.

THIS IS A PRETEND APPLICATION. DO NOT USE REAL INFORMATION. THIS IS JUST TO HELP STUDENTS/PARENTS SEE HOW THE PROCESS WORKS.

LOGIN: eddemo

Password: fafsatest

You will find instructions at the site for opening your actual account. Mrs. Pratt will have paper applications for you if you prefer.

5. Search the web site of your selected school for available scholarships. Note requirements and deadlines.

BE PATIENT. YOU WILL NEED TO DO SOME SEARCHING AND READING!

Example: Fort Hays has a good site.

Go to <http://www.fhsu.edu>

Click on **Scholarships and Costs**.

Freshmen Scholarships to see general scholarships available.

Scholarship Applications for all available scholarships at FHSU.

Final deadline for many/most scholarships is Feb. 15.

Example: Go to <http://www.bartonccc.edu>

Click on **Instruction** (scroll down to the very bottom of page)

Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid

Barton Scholarships

Example: Go to <http://www.mcpherson.edu>

Click on **Prospective students**

Admissions

Scholarships

Example: Go to <http://www.ncktc>

Click on **Scholarships**

April 1 deadline (Click on brochure for concise list and instructions.)

6. State of Kansas Scholarships are listed at www.kansasregents.org

There are several here, including ones for nurses, teachers, vocational education, and ethnic minorities.

Click on **Students.**
Student Financial Aid.
Scholarships and Grants.

7. Try scholarship search engines. We are not vouching for all of these, but they are worth a try.

The U.S. Dept. of Ed.'s FREE online scholarship search:
www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/scholarship

Set up a FASTWEB ACCOUNT by logging onto www.fastweb.com

FastWeb will allow you to scan for scholarships in your major field of interest, then email you when the deadline is getting close.

Cappex Scholarship Search: <http://www.cappex.com>

Student Award Search Aid: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>

Scholarship Search: www.scholarships.com/scholarship-search.aspx

The Christian Connection 800-667-0600 www.ChristianConnector.com to request information about Christian Colleges and their scholarships. You will automatically be entered in a drawing for \$2,500. (You will also get a lot of mail from colleges.)

College Board Scholarship Search
http://apps.collegeboard.org/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

Sallie Mae Click on College Planning and Scholarship Search
www.salliemae.com
 (user friendly)

8. Kansas Career Pipeline Make a career pathway! We are learning about this and will be implementing it as part of a four year plan. All HCHS students do have or will have accounts by next January.

<http://www.kansascareerpipeline.org>

9. Admissions Requirements for Kansas Schools

For 4 Year Schools in Kansas

Meet one of the following requirements:

- • Achieve an ACT score of 21 or above. (Higher Act's or GPA's may be required for certain majors. Check on-line.)
- • Rank in the top 1/3 of your high school class.
- • Earn at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in the Kansas Board of Regents' curriculum.

Community Colleges and Vo-Tech

- Accept High School graduates.
- Require Compass Test or Asset Test to place students in the right level of classes, but do not refuse admission based on those scores. Scores will determine whether you take
- Introduction To English or Composition 1
- and Business Math or Algebra 1.

Dual Credit/Summer Classes

Students taking Colby Community College classes in High School for dual credit must earn the following scores on the COMPASS Test before admission:

Comp 1:

- Compass Writing 55 or above or ACT English 18 or above
- Compass Reading 73 or above or ACT Reading 18 or above

Algebra:

- Compass 50-100 or ACT Math 22 or above

10. Kansas 4 Year Universities Information and Scholarships:

Emporia State University General Information

Emporia www.emporia.edu

College representative: Susan Williams swilli13@emporia.edu

www.facebook.com/ESUSusan

Average tuition per year: \$2,476

Housing: 3,190

Books and supplies: 450

Total \$6,116

Deadlines: Campus wide scholarships: February 15, 2011 (See below.)

No enrollment application deadline; apply ASAP.

Fort Hays State University General Information

Fort Hays State U www.fhsu.edu

College representative:

Average tuition per year: \$4,082

Housing: 6,837

Books and supplies: 840

Total: \$11,759

Deadlines: Priority deadline to apply for FHSU scholarships Nov. 15; final deadline Feb. 15

Kansas State University General Information

K-State www.k-state.edu

Manhattan, KS

College Representative Emily Surdez 785-532-6250 kstate1@k-state.edu

Average tuition per year \$6,474

Housing 7,040

Books and supplies 1,000

Total 14,514
 Personal costs (parking, etc.) varies

Feb. 1 college and departmental scholarships
 Mar. 1 financial aid application
 Kansas State University Scholarships
 Priority Deadline to Apply: November 1
 Numerous scholarships: Click on “Paying for College”
 Register @: <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/scholarshipday>

Pittsburg State University General Information

Pittsburg State www.pittsburgstate.edu/affordability

Pittsburg, KS www.pitstate.edu/academics

College Representative:

Average tuition per year	\$2,581
Housing	3,144
Books and supplies	500
Total	\$12,450 per year

Pittsburg State University Visiting Days

Contact: www.pittstate.edu 1-800-854-PITT email: psuadmit@pittstate.edu

Pittsburg State University Campus Wide Scholarships

Contact: www.pittstate.edu/affordability

Application Deadlines: February 1 (Honors College Application January 15)

University Of Kansas--KU General Information

KU Lawrence, KS www.ku.edu

College representative:

Average tuition per year:	\$8,364
Housing:	7,436
Books and supplies:	850
Campus Fees	858
Total	\$17,508

Deadlines: Application for admission due by Nov. 1 for scholarships.

University of Kansas--KU Scholarships

Kansas Resident Renewable Scholarships

Contact: scholarships.KU.edu

Departmental Scholarships: www.sadp.ku.edu

Wichita State University General Information

Wichita State www.wichita.edu

College representative:

Average tuition per year:

Housing:

Books and supplies:

Deadlines:

Fort Hays link to all their scholarships <https://secure.fhsu.edu/scholarship/>

Pittsburg State University Scholarship Deadline – January 15th and February 1st.

Scholarships by Monthly Deadlines:

DECEMBER

Elks National Foundation MVS (Most Valuable Student) Scholarship 2012. There will be 500 awards for 2012-13 through 2015-16 academic years

2 first places \$60,000	2 Fourth places \$16,000	482 runners up \$4,000
2 second places \$40,000	2 fifth places \$10,000	Application Deadline Dec. 2
2 Jack London 3rd-Place Awards of \$20,000	4 Sixth places \$10,000	
	4 seventh places \$8,000	

Application, essay, transcript and ACT, counselor report, copies of exhibits

KU Self Engineering Leadership Fellows Program – Scholarship for students interested in engineering and computing . 4 yr \$24,000 Details and application at www.engr.ku.edu/self
Application deadline 12/1/11

JANUARY

- Law Washburn Jan. 9. Up to \$8,000 See Mrs. Beam or Pratt for application or go to www.washburn.edu/leadership/!
- Natoma Corporation Jan. 31 \$1,000 Must major in Industrial Tech.
- Big Creek Longhorn Turkey Chapter Scholarship January 1 Must participate in hunting and hold an NWTF membership <http://www.nwtf.org/jakes/xtreme/scholarships.html>
- January 26 deadline. Acacia Fraternity at K-State. \$500 and \$1,000 awards. Need not be a member of the fraternity. Based on grades and character. Fill out a form, write one paragraph, and send two references. See Mrs. Pratt for app or go to www.kstateacacia.org
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FEBRUARY

American Legion

- American Legion Music \$1,000 Feb. 15 (Need not be son or daughter of AL member.) See Mrs. Beam or Pratt for application.
- American Legion \$500 Feb. 15 (Must have participated in AL sponsored shooting sports program.) See Mrs. Beam or Pratt for application.
- American Legion Miscellaneous \$250-\$1,000 Feb. 15 (Must be son or daughter or descendant of AL member.) See Mrs. Beam or Pratt for application.
- American Legion Hobble (LPN) Nursing \$300 Feb. 15 See Mrs. Beam or Pratt for application. (Need not be son or daughter of AL member.)

Best Buy. \$1,000. Feb 15 deadline. For academic achievement, volunteerism, work experience.
www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com or www.at15.com

Kansas Board of Regents Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship

http://www.kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants

Test registration deadline Feb. 3; for 1 or 2 year tech education programs. Test date at Hays March 3.

Ask Mrs. Pratt. For a packet or go to website.

Kentucky Fried Chicken www.kfcscholar.org 1-866-KFC-7240

Dec. 1 to Feb. 8, 2012; financial need, public college or university; bachelor's degree; GPA 2.75 up to \$20,000

K-State Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity Man of Faith Scholarship For Males attending KSU that place their faith and academics in the forefront of their everyday lives. For incoming freshmen. One \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships

<http://www.k-state.edu/phikap/manoffaith.htm>

FRED (Foundation for Rural Education and Development) Scholarship Program

Must be nominated by Rural Tel/NexTech. Feb. 13, 2012 Deadline. \$1,000 to \$5,000 scholarships. 3.3 GPA, Activities and Leadership (some non-school), Letter of Nomination, Financial Need, and essay questions.

www.fred.org (click on programs)

Deadline Feb. 17. Exceptional student leaders are invited to apply for the 2012 [GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program](#). In honor of the legacy and character of President Ronald Reagan, this program annually rewards up to 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships (up to \$40,000 per recipient).

RuralTel (See also, FRED Scholarships and Nex-Generation Nex-Tech/Rural Tel Scholarship)

Contact Lisa Wagoner at 877-567-7872 or Jacque Beckman

1st \$1,500, 2nd \$1,000, 3rd \$500, January 31, 2012 deadline on or before 5 PM.

Pittsburg State University Music Auditions November 18th and February 18th. Details at www.pittstate.edu/departments/music

RUSH—See Mrs. Pratt to apply 2nd semester. For Graduates of Hill City High School only ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year for 1 – 5 years of college or vo-tech. Based on grades, character references, activity participation, and volunteerism. Resume and letters of reference required. Last year's awards: \$4,000 for 3.5 GPA and above; MERIT—\$3,000 for 3.0 GPA and above; GRANT—\$2,000 for 2.0 GPA and above.

HILL CITY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI—Apply 2nd semester.

K-State Scholarships for female athletes interested in being a member of the **Women's Rowing**

team. Email the coach at row4ksu@ksu.edu website.

K-State Fine Arts Scholarships – Check the area of your choice – Art- www.k-state.edu/art

K-State Salina – Elite scholarship for those going into technology at K-State Salina. Application at www.salina.k-state.edu/elite

K-State Salina – multiple scholarships available online at www.k-state.edu/sfa

K-State Music- www.k-state.edu/music; Dance – www.k-state.edu/sctd/dance;

Theatre – www.k-state.edu/theatre

MARCH

NEX-GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Contact Lisa Wagoner at 877-567-7872 or Jacque Beckman

Deadline March 26, 2012 PRIMO Scholarship—Parents must be a customer of a Kansas Primo Member Company (NexTech/RuralTel). Five \$500 scholarships. Not based on GPA. Preference given to Marketing, Public Relations, Telecommunications, or related field. Any college or Vo-Tech.

Kansas State Delta Chi Educational Foundation. Deadline March 1. GPA 3.0, scholarship, leadership, involvement and service. \$250. One form to fill out.

March 31 \$1,000 for customers of Frontier Farm Credit www.frontierfarmcredit.com

APRIL

Kansas Masonic Foundation

TBA--Ruth Russell Grant for Physically Challenged—April deadline

TBA—Low interest loans--April deadline

TBA—Certain non-solicitable scholarships after 2 years in college

April 1 deadline. Kansas State Scholarship. Receive a certificate stating you completed the required curriculum and a letter stating you were designated by the KBOR, complete FAFSA and Kansas State Aid Application, ACT by December, KS Scholars' curriculum, counselor certification of GPA and curriculum; renewable

MAY

VESPER—through 1st State Bank of Hill City May deadlines. Interest free loans. Pay back after graduation—low payments. May apply every semester. You are eligible if you attend a Graham County School—all students may apply for \$500 per semester ; students in the medical fields \$750 per semester. Call 421-2168.

May 1 deadline. Up to \$1,850 --**Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship**: application form, counselor form, FAFSA—3.0 GPA or top third or ACT 21 or completion of KS scholars' curriculum; renewable

May 1 deadline. LPN \$2,500 program; RN program \$3,500—**Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship**. Obligation to practice in KS, acceptance to a nursing program (pre-nursing will not be funded), commitment by a sponsor who will pay half and provide full time employment, enroll in 12 or more credit hours; renewable

May 1 deadline. **Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship**. Complete the FAFSA and Kansas Student Aid Application; transcripts; 1 letter of recommendation; personal statement of goals.. Obligation to teach in Kansas in hard to fill position; accepted for admission

JUNE

JULY

- American Legion \$250 July 15 (For any boy or girl who has participated in high school athletics)
- American Legion \$500 July 15 (For a boy who has competed in AL baseball)

Numerous Scholarships listed at this site. Individual deadlines vary:

AES Engineers scholarships. To be eligible the student needs to answer one of the essay questions that they will find on our site at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluating the essays that are submitted.

Amount of award: \$500.00
Deadline for entry: October 5, 2012

Baker University Scholarships – Apply for admission at www.bakerU.edu/apply.

Barton Community college sports medicine department is looking for individuals interested in joining student athletic trainers' staff. Qualifying students receive books and tuition. Go online at www.bartonccc.edu/sports/sportsmedicine

Bethany College scholarships available online at www.bethanylb.edu
Various deadlines. Check website.

More Information
(www.kara.harvestmanager.net)

Butler Community College – apply online at www.butlercc.edu/fin_/parts/12asapdf

Coffeyville Community College – Scholarship in exchange for working as a student athletic trainer. Call 620-252-7116 and talk with Rick King, Head Athletic Trainer
Coffeyville Community College Kansas Enhancement Scholarship – Housing, meals, tuition and books for less than \$1500 a semester. Check it out at www.coffeyville.edu.

Emporia State University Scholarship Deadline – February 1st

Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Agriculture students

More Information
(www.kansasregents.org)

Kansas VFW Endowment Scholarship
Must have parent or grandparent in Auxillary

ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION

More Information (www.ksvfw.org)

The children and grandchildren of active members of the Department of Kansas V.F.W. and its Ladies Auxillary are eligible to apply for \$500 to \$2,000, one to four year scholarships from the Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars Endowment Association. These scholarships are given from funds contributed by Posts and

Auxiliaries throughout the state of Kansas.

[Download Endowment Program](#)

[Download Endowment Application](#)

Kansas FCCLA Leadership Scholarship www.ksde.org

KU School of Music scholarship applications available at www.music.ku.edu.

Land Diesel, Inc. Scholarship – For students who are entering a vocational school in a diesel mechanics program. The scholarship is contingent upon working for KDI for two years after graduation. Contact marketing@langdieselinc.com for details.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Continuing Education Scholarship

Must be a member of VFW Ladies Auxiliary, or be the spouse, daughter, or son of a member

[More Information](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org)
(www.ladiesauxvfw.org)

Leadership Scholarship at Fort Hays State for Leadership majors. Go to www.fhsu.edu/finaid

McDonald's Employee Scholarship Program – McDonald's provides 40% tuition grants to employees at the Hays, Russell or WaKeeney McDonald's who attend FHSU, NCKTC or Colby CC. Details in Guidance Office, local McDonald's and at McDonald's, 2705 Vine, Suite 1, Hays, Kansas 67601

Sallie Mae Career Training Loans; private college loans 785-539-1837 www.salliemae.com
American Dream for African American

Southwestern College in Winfield, Ks. Scholarship info at www.goSC.com Information available about laptops provided for each student.

The Superpower Scholarship
Open to legal residents of the U.S.

[More Information \(scholarshipexperts.com\)](http://scholarshipexperts.com)

Topeka Community Foundation
Junior or Senior in Kansas college majoring
in wildlife

[More Information](http://www.topekacommunityfoundation.org)
(www.topekacommunityfoundation.org)

VFW Military Scholarship

Current member of the military or discharged within 36 months prior to December 31, 2008

[More Information](http://www.vfw.org)
(www.vfw.org)