



# KANSAS KIDS @ GEAR UP

## WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

### KK@GU Scholarship Application

#### General Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a United States Citizen and less than 22 years of age at the time of the first award.
- Have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application and are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant.
- Demonstrated successful participation in the early intervention component of Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP or other state of Kansas partnership GEAR UP or TRIO program.
- Documentation of a minimum of a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale.
- Received a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, the General Education Development (GED) Certificate or will receive a diploma in May/June of application year.
- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment, a minimum of part-time, in a program of instruction at a 2-year or 4-year accredited institution, or in an accredited Technical or Vocational institution of higher education.

#### Application Process

To ensure your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible, please read and follow these procedures and requirements:

- Complete the Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP scholarship application, personal statement, activities chart, and include an official copy of your high school transcript.
- Include two complete recommendation forms. The forms must be in a sealed envelope with the signature of the person making the referral written across the seal of the envelope. **Envelopes with broken seals will not be accepted.**
- Include proof of Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), located on the confirmation page of the Student Aid Report (SAR), copy of your ACT Scores and a copy of your college acceptance letter.
- **Submit a Financial Aid Award Letter from the institution you plan to attend.**
- Provide only the items requested in the enclosures. Items should not be stapled to the application.
- Submit requested documents with the application form to ensure items are available for review at the same time. The Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP Scholarship Review Committee cannot assume responsibility for matching items received separately.
- Address complete applications to your regional Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP, GEAR UP Partner, or TRIO program. Your local representative will confirm completion and accuracy of the application. (Refer to Application Checklist, page 5)
- Be advised, applications become property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant.

#### NOTICE OF NON DISCRIMINATION

Wichita State University does not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, status as a Vietnam Era Veteran or disability. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies:  
Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita KS 67260-0001; telephone (316)978-3001.



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## Scholarship Application

Please return no later than May 30th of each Academic Year.

### Personal Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

High School Diploma High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GED Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Program Information:

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP Region: 1 2 3 4 5 6

OR

TRIO Program (Name & Location): \_\_\_\_\_

OR

GEAR UP Partnership (Name & Location): \_\_\_\_\_

**Classification:**  Full-time  Part-time

Expected post-secondary education school of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL ONLY!**

Expected High School graduation date: Spring 20\_\_ Summer 20\_\_ Fall 20\_\_

Will the student have met the Kansas Regents' Qualified Admissions Pre-College Curriculum requirements by the above date?  Yes  No

*Academic verification:* American College Testing Program Score/SAT Score

\_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Composite

\_\_\_\_\_ Rank in senior class \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Composite

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, High School Official (please print) Signature, High School Official

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_



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Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

SSN \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship Activities Chart

Activity	Date from – to	No. hours per week	Special Accomplishments and Leadership Positions	Contact Person/ Phone Number To verify information
<b>A. School/Community</b>				
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
<b>B. Volunteer Services</b>				
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
<b>C. Paid Employment</b>				
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

If additional space is required, this form may be copied and submitted.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Form to Accompany Scholarship Letter of Recommendation

**Please return no later than May 30th of each Academic Year.**

Two letters of recommendation are required. Clearly print the information needed and sign this section before giving this to your recommender. Both letters should be from a teacher, employer, adult friend, or mentor.

## Part I – to be completed by the applicant

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
School/Program the applicant will be attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Part II – to be completed by the reference

The applicant named above has requested your recommendation for a post secondary scholarship from Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP. We would greatly appreciate your appraisal of the applicant on the basis of the following:

- Evidence of ability to identify and use support systems or services
- Career goals and planning
- Academic preparedness for post secondary education
- Community service and work experience, especially in regards to the subject the applicant wishes to study

If you serve in a TRIO program or a partnership GEAR UP program (not KK@GU) in which the applicant has participated, please also indicate the degree of her/his participation and commitment to meeting program goals.

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return it with your letter in a sealed envelope to the applicant, who will include it with their application packet. **Your letter must be in an enclosed envelope with your signature written across the seal. If the seal is broken the application is void.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Budget Worksheet for college

Please complete the following budget worksheet according to the tuition and fees of the institution you plan to attend.

Institution you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Living Arrangements while at college:    \_\_\_At home    \_\_\_In apartment    \_\_\_In dorm (cost per semester\_\_\_\_\_)

<b>Required Expenses</b>	<b><u>Per Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Per Year</u></b>
Tuition (the cost of 12 credit hours)	_____	_____
Books	_____	_____
Fees (student fees, parking, etc.,)	_____	_____
Food (meal plan cost or other estimate)	_____	_____
Housing (Dorm cost)	_____	_____
Other Fees required in your major	_____	_____
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<b>*Total Required Expenses</b>	_____	_____

**Other expenses you will need to plan for:** Transportation, Clothing, Entertainment, Utilities, Healthcare

\*You may be asked to provide receipts or other evidence of required expenses.

## **Scholarship Eligibility and Initial Application Checklist**

**Eligibility checklist:** (you must meet ALL requirements)

- I am a United States Citizen
- I am under the age of 22
- I am eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant according to my current SAR (Student Aid Report)
- I have demonstrated successful participation in the early intervention component of Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP or other state of Kansas partnership GEAR UP or TRIO Program
- My current grade point average (GPA) is 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale
- I have received a high school diploma or a GED Certificate, or will receive a high school diploma or a GED Certificate in May/June this year
- I have been accepted into an accredited post secondary school or program
- Scholarship Application Form
- One-page typed personal statement. Highlight your special interests, talents, goals, or unique experiences. Include long-range goals
- Scholarship Activities Chart
- Two letters of recommendation (sealed)
- Acceptance letter from the school/program you will attend
- Copy of Financial Aid Award letter from institution you will attend.
- Official high school transcript



## KANSAS KIDS @ GEAR UP WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Your Completed application should be sent to:  
Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP Regional Offices:**

**KK@GU Region 1**  
320 S. Broadway  
Pittsburg, KS 66762  
(620) 231-5300

**KK@GU Region 2**  
608 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, KS 66102  
(913) 621-8706

**KK@GU Region 3**  
500 SW Van Buren  
Topeka, KS 66603  
(785) 296-7478

**KK@GU Region 4**  
1508 Main Street  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
(620) 793-7370

**KK@GU Region 5**  
2900 S. Oliver Street  
Wichita, KS 67210  
(316) 295-4669

**KK@GU Region 6**  
3301 W. 18th Avenue  
Emporia, KS 66801  
(620) 343-4600

**This section is to be completed by Regional Representative**

Completion Verified by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Foster Care ?

Yes

No

### ***Outside Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources***

Information Provided	Web Address
College Payment Plan	<a href="http://www.tuitionpay.com">www.tuitionpay.com</a>
College Planning	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>
College Planning & Payment Strategies	<a href="http://www.salliemae.com">www.salliemae.com</a>
College Savings Plan	<a href="http://www.collegesavings.org">www.collegesavings.org</a>
College Savings Plan	<a href="http://www.upromise.com">www.upromise.com</a>
Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Estimates	<a href="http://www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators">www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators</a>
FAFSA on the Web	<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>
Financial Aid Resources & Information	<a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>
General Information	<a href="http://www.nasfaa.org">www.nasfaa.org</a>
Hildegard Lash Merit Scholarship – Foster Care Youth	<a href="http://www.orphan.org">www.orphan.org</a>
Scholarship Searches	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>
Scholarship Searches	<a href="http://www.students.gov">www.students.gov</a>
Scholarship Scams	<a href="http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml">www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml</a>
State of Kansas College Savings Program	<a href="http://www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/prodweb/matching_grant.php">http://www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/prodweb/matching_grant.php</a>
State of Kansas Scholarships	<a href="http://www.kansasregents.org">www.kansasregents.org</a>
Tax Credit – Hope Scholarship	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>
Tax Credit – Lifetime Learning Credit	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>
U.S. Department of Education	<a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>