

Counselor Corner
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The Kansas Board of Regents sponsors several scholarships that may be helpful.

The Career Technical Workforce Grant is available to students enrolled in an eligible career technical education program operated by a designated Kansas educational institution that has been identified as offering a technical certificate or associate of applied science degree program in a high cost, high demand, or critical industry field. The list of programs is available at www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/Students/Student_Financial_Aid/CT_Approved_Programs_2425.pdf.

The Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship program is designed to assist academically competitive students who are identified as members of any of the following ethnic/racial groups: African American; American Indian or Alaskan Native; Asian or Pacific Islander; or Hispanic. Scholarship selection is based on financial need as determined by federal methodology. Priority in awarding is given to students who will graduate high school in 2024.

Other scholarships from KBOR that have very specific criteria include the Kansas Hero (eligible dependents and spouses of certain deceased/disabled public safety officers and military personnel), Kansas Military Service, Kansas Nursing Service, Kansas Teacher Service, and Kansas Promise Act. Details for all the scholarships are at www.kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants. May 1 is the earliest deadline for any of these scholarships.

Fort Hays State University's Admissions Office along with the Peter Werth College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics will host a Future Engineers' Day at Fort Hays State University, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The event is open to high school juniors, seniors, and college transfer students interested in careers in Physics and Engineering. This event is free and will include lunch.

Students will: Explore engineering pathways-civil, computer, electrical, mechanical, and more; Meet current FHSU students, alumni, and faculty; Tour academic facilities and research labs; Participate in hands-on Engineering projects, demonstrations, and activities; Visit with representatives of the Admissions Office to learn more about FHSU; Win prizes including tech devices and FHSU swag; Drawing for five \$1000 Physics Department scholarships!

Students that start at smaller regional universities have a better chance of surviving the early competition in this field. Register at www.fhsu.edu/admissions/events/future-engineers-day.

Open House at Kansas State is April 6. Explore campus and see everything K-State has to offer. Go to k-state.edu/openhouse.

BTI is offering scholarships for students entering Ag-related fields. You must have a 3.0 GPA. The application deadline is April 10. Find out all the details at www.btiequip.com/--2024-scholarship.

Allen County Community College offers certificates and associate's degrees in art and graphic design. In fact, the two can be combined, and you can earn a full tuition scholarship to be in the program. You must apply for this scholarship by April 1st. Find

out more by contacting art instructor Tera at reed@allenc.edu or digital media instructor Nancy at ford@allenc.edu. Either can be reached by phone at 620-901-6246.

You can save more than \$8000 a year at Butler Community College when compared to state universities. Be sure to check out the BCC scholarship and financial aid options at www.butlercc.edu. You can also call 316-322-3255.

The Folds of Honor Scholarship is for students who are family members of military personnel or military veterans. The deadline to apply is March 31. Details are at <https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/military-scholarships/>.

SWE Scholarships support those who identify as a woman and pursue an ABET-accredited bachelor or graduate student program in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology, and fields related to engineering globally. In 2023, SWE disbursed over 330 new and renewed scholarships valued at more than \$1,500,000! Deadline to apply is March 31. Details at <https://swe.org/scholarships/>

The University of Aftermarket Scholarships are for seniors who plan to get an education in automotive, heavy duty, or collision repair. Application is due March 31. Find out more at <https://uofa-foundation.org/>

If you have students interested in pursuing a degree in engineering, computer science or construction science, they should consider attending a Night With K-State Engineering on either Wednesday, Mar. 27 or Thursday, Mar. 28. Representatives will lead a free, interactive presentation for high school and community college students from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Garden City – Mar. 27 Clarion Inn, 1911 East Kansas Avenue, Garden City, KS 67846

Hays – Mar. 28 Hilton Garden Inn, 221 West 43rd Street, Hays, KS 67601

In addition, the college will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior or transfer student in attendance. Register at <https://engg.k-state.edu/engineering-night/>

Deadlines to remember: March 31-Deadline to apply for Kansas Masonic Foundation Scholarships; May 1-Deadline to apply for O'Brate Scholarships; May 3-deadline to apply for June 8 ACT; June 7-deadline to apply for July 13 ACT.

Sophomore/Juniors Days: April 15 at FHSU; Freshman/Sophomore Day at WSU-April 27; Sophomores/Juniors at Washburn-April 12