

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The time and energy you spend conducting a successful scholarship search can be well worth the effort when you are awarded a scholarship to help fund your higher education. Best of luck in your scholarship searching endeavors!

The best ways to find scholarships:

- ✓ Check out "Scholarship Information for KU Students" at www.scholarships.ku.edu.
- ✓ Review the websites listed on the reverse of this handout for great scholarship opportunities.
- ✓ Talk with your high school counselor, faculty members, academic advisors, and financial aid counselors for ideas.
- ✓ Inquire with your/your parent's employer or organizations with which you/they are affiliated.
- ✓ Ask organizations and businesses within your community.

Tips for applying:

- ✓ Start looking early and prioritize! Scholarship deadlines vary so plan your application efforts by the due date to meet deadlines. Reserve a block of time to work on scholarship applications regularly and stick to it.
- ✓ Apply for scholarships that inspire you. The applications will feel less like work.
- ✓ Write tailored essays for each scholarship. Avoid copying and pasting without careful revisions.
- ✓ If a letter of recommendation is required, brief your reference on the scholarship and provide him/her with a copy of your application and your resume. Give the reference at least two weeks to write the letter for you.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my scholarships affect my eligibility for financial aid?

In some cases, yes, they may. It is your responsibility to report all scholarships/fellowships/sponsorships to the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA). We encourage you to report assistance as soon as possible to avoid repaying financial aid at a later date.

What are outside/private scholarships?

Any scholarship that is not awarded from KU is considered an outside/private scholarship.

How do I report outside/private scholarships?

You may report these scholarships in Enroll & Pay at <https://sa.ku.edu> (*Student Center>Accept/Decline Awards, Page 2*) or notify the OSFA by email, mail, or fax. If you report by email, mail, or fax, please indicate the scholarship name, amount, and term (fall/spring/summer) as well as your first and last name initials (please do not include your full name for security reasons), and KUID number.

How will I receive my outside/private scholarships?

The donor may provide you with a check or send a check to KU. Please encourage donors to send scholarship checks directly to the OSFA. If the outside scholarship funds are received by the OSFA and the check does not require your signature, these funds are applied to your KU account within 3-5 business days. The OSFA will notify you via email if a check requires your endorsement.

Where should my outside/private scholarship check be sent, if it is provided directly to me?

Please submit outside/private scholarship checks to the OSFA. Please attach the check(s) to a statement indicating the scholarship name, amount, and term (fall/spring/summer) as well as your first and last name initials, KUID number, and phone number. If the check is made out to you (or to you and KU), please endorse the check before mailing, as endorsing the check will expedite processing. Please allow 3-5 business days for scholarship check processing. Remember to keep copies of all your scholarship correspondence.

Will the outside/private scholarship be applied to my eBill?

Outside/Private scholarships that have been received and processed by the OSFA will be applied to your eBill. These scholarships will be listed on the eBill as "Outside Schol/SFA Payment," and the amount will be subtracted from the amount owed. Sometimes donors do not send the funds to the OSFA until after the fee payment due date. If the check will not be processed by the due date, you will need to select another payment option to avoid late payment fees. Please allow 3-5 business days for scholarship check processing. If your KU account is paid in full when the scholarship check is processed, you will receive a refund through the KU Bursar's Office.

WARNING! The following could be signs of a scam:

- ✓ You are required to pay money to receive a scholarship (Note: *The State of Kansas Student Aid Application, www.kansasregents.org, requires a legitimate \$12 filing fee.*)
- ✓ You are guaranteed to win the scholarship.
- ✓ The sponsors say things like, "Everyone is eligible," or "You are guaranteed free money."
- ✓ You are advised you have been selected for a scholarship for which you did not submit an application.
- ✓ If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.
- ✓ For more information on scholarship scams, visit <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml>

KU SCHOLARSHIPS

Information on KU Scholarships and Outside Scholarships

www.scholarships.ku.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ALL STUDENTS

College Tool Kit: The One-Stop Resource for Life after High School

www.collegetoolkit.com

CollegeBoard: Connect to College Success

www.collegeboard.com

FastWeb

www.fastweb.com

FinAid: The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

www.finaid.com

Go College: The Collegiate Websource

www.gocollege.com

Princeton Review

www.princetonreview.com

Scholarship Experts

www.scholarshipexperts.com

Scholarship Help: Your Source for Free Scholarship Information

www.scholarshiphelp.org

Scholarships.com: Find Money for College

scholarships.com

StudentAwards.com: We Match you with Money for School

www.studentawards.com

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

America's Black Collegians

www.am-blk-coll.com

American Indian College Fund

www.collegefund.org

Black Excel: The College Help Network

www.blackexcel.org

FinAid: The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

www.finaid.org/otheraid/minority.phtml

Hispanic College Fund

www.hispanicfund.org

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

www.hsf.net

KU Office of Multicultural Affairs

www.oma.ku.edu/finances/

United Negro College Fund

www.uncf.org

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation

www.ela.org

FinAid: The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml

NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

KU Nontraditional Student Services

www.silc.ku.edu/nontrads/

MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Army: www.usma.edu

Coast Guard: www.cga.edu

Navy: www.nmcrs.org

Air Force: www.afas.org, www.afrotc.com

Marine: www.marine-scholars.org

Military Children: www.fisherhouse.org

Military Education Scholarships Program: www.vamortgagecenter.com/scholarships.html