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FAQ: SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

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 endeavors!

The best ways to find scholarships:

- ✓ Check out “Scholarship Information for KU Students” at www.scholarships.ku.edu.
- ✓ Talk with your high school counselor.
- ✓ Inquire with your/your parent’s employer or organizations with which you/they are affiliated.
- ✓ Ask organizations and businesses within your community.

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 \$10 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 go to <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml>

Can my scholarships affect my eligibility for financial aid?

In some cases, yes, they may. It is your responsibility to report all scholarship/fellowship/sponsorship assistance to the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA). We encourage you to report any additional 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 at <https://sa.ku.edu> > *Student Center* > *Accept/Decline Awards, Page 2*, or notify the OSFA by email, mail, or fax (contact information listed above). Please indicate the scholarship name, amount, and term (fall/spring/summer) as well as your name, KUID number, last four digits of your Social Security Number, date of birth, and permanent address. Remember to keep copies of all your scholarship correspondence.

How will I receive my outside/private scholarships?

The donor may either give/mail you 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 the student’s signature, these funds are applied to your KU account within 3-5 business days. The OSFA will notify you via email if a scholarship check requires your endorsement.

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

Please submit outside/private scholarship checks to the OSFA at the address listed above. Please attach the check(s) to a statement indicating the scholarship name, amount, and term (fall/spring/summer) as well as your name, KUID number, last four digits of your Social Security Number, date of birth, and permanent address. 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.

KU Scholarships

KU Scholarship Information

<http://www.scholarships.ku.edu>

Scholarships for All Students

American Association of School Administrators

<http://www.aasa.org>

Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association

<http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships>

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

<http://www.collegetoolkit.com>

CollegeBoard: Connect to College Success

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

Corporation for National & Community Service

<http://www.nationalservice.gov>

FastWeb

<http://www.fastweb.com>

Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund

<http://www.feea.org>

FinAid: The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

<http://www.finaid.com>

Go College: The Collegiate Webservice

<http://www.gocollege.com>

KU Scholarship Information

<http://scholarships.ku.edu>

Princeton Review

<http://www.princetonreview.com>

Scholarship Experts

<http://www.scholarshipexperts.com>

Scholarship Help: Your Source for Free Scholarship Information

<http://www.scholarshiphelp.org>

Scholarship Resource Network Express

<http://www.srnexpress.com>

Scholarships.com: Find Money for College

<http://scholarships.com>

StudentAwards.com: We Match you with Money for School

<http://www.studentawards.com>

Multicultural Student Scholarships

America's Black Collegians

<http://www.am-blk-coll.com>

KU Office of Multicultural Affairs

<http://www.oma.ku.edu/finances/>

Hispanic College Fund

<http://www.hispanicfund.org>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<http://www.hsf.net>

American Indian College Fund

<http://www.collegefund.org>

United Negro College Fund

<http://www.uncf.org>

Black Excel: The College Help Network

<http://www.blackexcel.org>

KU Scholarship Information

<http://www.scholarships.ku.edu>

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation

<http://www.ela.org>

FinAid: The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

<http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml>

KU Scholarship Information

<http://www.scholarships.ku.edu>

Nontraditional Student Scholarships

KU Nontraditional Student Services

<http://www.silc.ku.edu/nontrads/>

KU Scholarship Information

<http://www.scholarships.ku.edu>

Military Scholarships

Army: <http://www.usma.edu>

Air Force: <http://www.afas.org>

<http://www.afrotc.com>

Navy: <http://www.nmcers.org>

<http://nrotc.com>

Coast Guard: <http://www.cga.edu>

Marine: <http://www.marine-scholars.org>

Military Children: <http://www.fisherhouse.org>

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