



HDF College Playbook

2023-2024

The HDF College Playbook is a tool—also available in Spanish—designed to help Kansas City Latino students and families maximize their financial aid opportunities, successfully navigate the college-going process, and ultimately identify and attend the “best fit” college. Although it is designed to meet the needs of Latino high school seniors, 95% of the Playbook is applicable and helpful to ALL college-going seniors in the Greater Kansas City metro area. We hope you find this resource useful, and best of luck in your college search!

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HDF College Milestone Tracker

The chart below will help guide you senior year of high school. Complete 1-9 in the fall semester & 10-16 in the spring semester of senior year.

College Milestone	Recommended Date of Completion	Date(s) Completed	Notes
1. I registered for the December 2023 ACT exam.	November 3		ACT Testing Site:
2. I took the December 2023 ACT exam.	December 9		ACT Composite Score:
3. I completed the 2024-2025 FAFSA (if eligible).	During month of December		Student Aid Index: \$
4. I applied to at least 1 "Reach College."	November 1		Name of College(s): 1.
5. I applied to at least 1 "Target College."	November 1		Name of College(s): 1.
6. I applied to at least 1 "Safety College."	November 1		Name of College(s): 1.
7. I visited at least 2 college campuses (or participated in virtual tours).	December 1		Name of College(s): 1. 2.
8. I completed the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation General Scholarship Application.	December 31		
9. I applied to at least one private scholarship.	December 31		Name of Scholarship(s): 1.
10. I visited at least 1 college campus with my family.	April 1		Name of College(s): 1.
11. I analyzed my financial aid awards with a counselor or college advisor.	April 1		
12. I made my college decision and notified other colleges I will not be attending their school.	May 1		College choice:
13. I submitted my housing application (if living on campus).	May 1		
14. I registered for New Student Orientation and submitted all required paperwork to my college.	May 1		
15. I completed 3 scholarship applications.	May 1		Scholarships: 1. 2. 3.
16. I attended New Student Orientation and/or enrolled in my classes for the fall.	May or June		

College Admissions To-Do List & Timeline

August	September	October	November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create or update your resume/activities list • Attend college visits/meet with admissions representatives who come to your high school • Create/update your balanced college list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Reach School - 3 Target Schools - 1 Safety School • Discuss your college list with counselors, teachers, parents, friends, or alumni 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire 2 general letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, managers from work, etc. • Start your Personal Statement (one excellent essay that shows the reader who you are, what you're passionate about, what you excel at, or what you value) • Register for the October ACT test (Sept. 22nd is the deadline) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for and take the ACT Exam (October 28) • Apply to ALL Colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reach school - 3 Target schools - 1 Safety school • Register for the December ACT test (Nov. 3rd is the deadline) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority college applications deadline November 1st • Perfect your Personal Statement and possibly 1-2 more essays that you can use for scholarship applications

December - January	February-March	April-May	June-August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 1 Create profile on Greater Kansas City Community Foundation Scholarship Website • Focus on applying for SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS!!! • HDF Scholarship application opens December 1 • Final college visits with parents/guardians • Begin the FAFSA (if you are eligible) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit HDF Scholarship by February 1st • Missouri FAFSA Priority Deadline February 1st • Submit housing application at top 1-2 choices (check to make sure the housing deposit is refundable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas FAFSA Priority Deadline April 1 • Analyze your financial aid awards letters and meet with the financial aid office. • Make a college decision • Put down enrollment deposit (if required) and register for new student orientation • Make sure your immunization records are up to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit your official high school transcript to college (if applicable) • Work to save for college • Attend new student orientation and get dorm supplies! • Prepare for Fall 2024 Semester

CONTINUE APPLYING TO PRIVATE AND INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS ALL YEAR

Major Documents to track down:

- ACT Score Reports
- High School Transcript
- Tax Forms (1040 and W-2 from year 2022 from parents and yourself)
- ACT Fee Waiver (if eligible)
- College Application Fee Waiver (if eligible)
- Immunization Records
- Photo ID (School ID, Driver's License, or State ID)

ACT Test 2023-24

What is the ACT?

The ACT is a college entrance exam that measures the student's level of college and career readiness. During the admissions process colleges will review standardized test scores alongside your high school GPA, your courses taken in high school, and other application materials requested.

ACT Test Components

The full ACT consists of four multiple-choice sections—in English, mathematics, reading and science—with an optional writing section. Colleges can use your ACT scores to determine your level of performance in each subject during your first year.

Test	Number of Questions	Minutes Per Test
English	75	45
Mathematics	60	60
Reading	40	35
Science	40	35
Writing (Optional)	1 essay	40

2023-24 Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (late fee applies)	Standby Deadline Photo Upload Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21	July 5

What to expect on testing day:

On testing day, you should arrive at least 5 minutes before your testing time at the site where you registered to test. Do not arrive late because you will not be allowed to test. Check your email regularly to check if your testing site was moved.

What to bring on test day:

- Printed copy of your ACT Ticket
- Photo ID (School ID, State ID, Driver's License, Passport)
- Two No. 2 Pencils
- An approved calculator

Register for the ACT at: www.act.org

Financial Aid Support

1. Grants:	2. Scholarships	3. Work Study
Free money based on financial need Federal Pell Grant – This will be determined by the Student Aid Index	Free money based on merit and/or need. Colleges, states, companies and organizations give them to students who apply/earn them.	Money earned by the student while working for college.
How much in Grants do you have?	How much will you have in Scholarships?	Will you be working for your college? How much will you earn?

4. Student Savings:	5. Parent Savings	6. Loans
Money the student has saved for college.	Money the parent/guardian has saved for student's college education.	Not free money, borrowed money that must be paid back.
How much savings do you have for college?	How much savings will your parent(s)/guardian(s) contribute?	Will you be using loans to pay for college? How much?

Type	Financial Aid Sources	Things to keep in mind
Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Pell Grant FSEOG State Institutional Private Charitable Organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need or merit-based aid FREE money Must complete FAFSA form
Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Local Institutional Organizations/Corporations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need or merit-based aid FREE money Often, they are one-time awards May require FAFSA form
Work Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Institutional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-help financial aid First come, first served basis Work to earn money Need-base aid Must complete FAFSA form
Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subsidized loans - Unsubsidized loans Parent Loan for Undergraduate Student (PLUS) Private banks/Charitable organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-help financial aid Not FREE (must repay) Many accrue interest and may require parent/co-signer May require credit history and/or credit check Must complete FAFSA form along with entrance counseling and promissory note

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.
[Start Here](#)

Returning User?
Correct info | Add a school
View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)
[Log In](#)

1. FAFSA Form:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is one of the most important elements to secure financial aid support and pay for college. The 2024-2025 will look different from previous years. We are monitoring these changes, visit <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/article/fafsa-simplification-act> for the most recent FAFSA updates. FAFSA must be completed every year you attend college.

3. Eligibility:

Demonstrate financial-need (for most programs), be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student in an eligible degree or certificate program, and be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for Direct Loan Program funds.

2. FAFSA Requirements 2024-2025:

Most state grants and scholarships are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For the 2024-2025 FAFSA, students will use their own and their parents' 2022 tax documents. Each must create their own login and password information to complete the student's FAFSA application.

4. Not sure on eligibility:

If you are not sure about meeting eligibility criteria, contact the Hispanic Development Fund for further support. Email us at advising@hdfkc.org

Featured Scholarships for Kansas City Students

Scholarship Search Portals or Websites

Name of Portal or Website	Description – Refer to the website for the most accurate information.	Website
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	This is the best local scholarship portal. Students have a higher chance of earning local scholarships. Students should create an account in the scholarship portal by December. Most of the scholarship applications will open in January.	https://www.growyourgiving.org/scholarships
School District Scholarships	Check your local school district website for scholarships.	Ask your high school counselor about school- or district-specific scholarships
Individual College Websites	Students need to review their college’s financial aid website for scholarships they might be eligible to apply for and to meet their scholarship application deadlines.	Check your college’s website (HDF partner colleges are listed in this resource).

Featured Scholarships

Name	Eligibility	Amount and Deadline	Website:
1. The Gates Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> African American, American Indian/ Alaska Native*, Asian American & Pacific Islander American, and/ or Hispanic American high school senior U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Pell Grant-eligible 3.3+ GPA <p>*For American Indian/Alaska Native, proof of tribal enrollment will be required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors. Scholars receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered. <p>Opens: July 15, 2023 Due: September 15, 2023</p>	https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship
2. QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 5-10% of your class 28+ ACT Score (if taken) Household income below \$65,000 (4) Undocumented-friendly Scholarship 	<p>College Match Scholarship Recipients are granted admission to one of QuestBridge’s college partners with a full, four-year scholarship worth over \$200,000 each.</p> <p>Opens: Late summer Due: September 26, 2023</p>	https://www.questbridge.org/
3. Golden Door Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have DACA, TPS or be undocumented Demonstrate academic excellence and community/civic involvement 	<p>Scholarship recipients will receive funding for a four-year degree at Golden Door partner schools</p> <p>Due: TBD - Visit website for more details</p>	https://goldendoorscholars.org
4. Horatio Alger Association State & National Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a high school junior U.S. Citizen Household income below \$55,000 2.0+ GPA Emphasizes perseverance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$10,000 for state scholarship Up to \$25,000 for national scholarship <p>Due: TBD - Visit website for more details</p>	https://scholars.horatioalger.org/

5. Coca-Cola Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident • Eligible for Federal Financial Aid • 3.0+ unweighted GPA 	\$20,000 - 150 recipients Opens: August 1, 2023 Due: October 2, 2023	https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/
6. KC BizFest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must participate in 4-day BizFest entrepreneurship competition • Top six winners at KC BizFest will receive scholarship • Undocumented-friendly Scholarship 	Amount Varies Due: TBD - Visit website for more details	http://www.gkchc.com/kc-bizfest/
7. Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5+ unweighted GPA • Civic or community service • Household income below \$95,000 • Undocumented-friendly Scholarship 	Up to \$55,000 per year Opens: August 24, 2023 Due: November 16, 2023	https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/
8. Black Achievers Society of Kansas City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an African-American senior attending high school in the Greater Kansas City Area • 3.7+ GPA • Demonstrate academic excellence, community/civic involvement, and financial need 	\$1,000 Due: TBD - Visit website for more details	https://www.blackachieverskc.org/scholars-scholarship/
9. K-State Wabash Cannon Ball Kansas City Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be accepted to K-State by December 1 • 3.25+ GPA • Complete the scholarship application by December 1 	\$2,500 Due: Dec. 1, 2023	https://www.kstate.com/participate/alumniandfriends/wabashcannonball/kansascity/
10. Rudd Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Citizen or Permanent Resident • Kansas resident • 3.0+ unweighted GPA • Pell Grant-eligible • Must attend Emporia State, Fort Hays State, or Wichita State University 	Fills financial gap remaining after FAFSA Due: TBD - Visit website for more details	https://www.ruddfoundation.org/college-scholarships/
11. College of Saint Mary (Omaha, NE) Misericordia Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be accepted to College of Saint Mary • DACA or Undocumented women only 	90% of Total Cost Due: Priority date February 1, 2024 Final deadline: February 28, 2024	http://www.csm.edu/admissions/misericordia-scholarship-application
12. The DREAM US Opportunity Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have DACA, TPS or be undocumented • Came to the United States before the age of 16 • Missouri resident • 2.8+ GPA • Must have financial need • Must attend one of their partner colleges: Delaware State, Dominican University, Eastern Connecticut State, Christian Brothers University or Trinity Washington University (women's college) 	Up to \$80,000 Due: February 2024 - Visit website for more details	https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/opportunity-scholarship/

13. Jackie Robinson Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> African American, American Indian/ Alaska Native, Asian American & Pacific Islander American, and/ or Hispanic American high school senior U.S. Citizen Submit ACT Score (if taken) Demonstrate academic excellence, community/civic involvement, and financial need 	<p>Up to \$30,000 over four years</p> <p>Opens: September 2023 Due: January 10, 2024 - Visit website for more details</p>	<p>https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/</p>
14. Donnelly College Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be accepted to Donnelly College Undocumented-friendly Scholarships 	<p>\$1,000 to 100% tuition and fees</p> <p>Due: Varies. Visit website for details</p>	<p>https://www.donnelly.edu/admissions/aid/scholarships</p>
15. Hispanic Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be of Latino/Hispanic Heritage US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have DACA 3.0+ GPA 	<p>\$500-\$5,000</p> <p>Due: TBD - Visit website for more details</p>	<p>https://www.hsf.net/scholarship</p>
16. Hispanic Development Fund Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be of Latino/Hispanic Heritage Reside & attend Kansas City metropolitan area (Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson and Platte, Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte) Undocumented-friendly Scholarship 	<p>Award amount varies - \$1,000 average award</p> <p>Opens: December 1, 2024 Due: February 1, 2024</p>	<p>For more information: https://hdfkc.org/homepage</p> <p>Apply at: https://gkccf.academicworks.com/</p>
17. University of Central Missouri – Cesar E. Chavez Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a U.S. citizen or hold legal immigration status Be a graduating senior of a high school located in the Kansas City metropolitan area (Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson and Platte, Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte) Be accepted to University of Central Missouri Be of Hispanic or Latino descent or demonstrate involvement in the Hispanic or Latino community; 2.5+ GPA Demonstrate financial need File the FAFSA by the April 1 deadline. 	<p>\$3,125 per year (renewable for 4 years)</p> <p>Due: February 1, 2024</p>	<p>Website: https://www.ucmo.edu/sfs/scholarships/</p>
18. Donnelly College – Bloch Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate financial need and be exempt from traditional scholarships due to past academic performance and/or life circumstances Plan to attend Donnelly College to pursue an associate degree and have intent to complete their bachelor's degree at UMKC or Rockhurst University Reside in the Kansas City metro area, including Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties in Missouri and Wyandotte and Johnson Counties in Kansas 	<p>Funds to pay for 100% of tuition and fees each semester.** (Scholarship is renewable for up to six semesters at Donnelly and up to six semesters at UMKC or Rockhurst.)</p> <p>Opens: November 1, 2023 Due: Priority Deadline March 1, 2024</p>	<p>https://www.donnelly.edu/admissions/aid/henry-w-bloch-scholarship</p>

19. KC Scholars 11th Grade-Traditional Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a current 11th grader during the application cycle • Be home-schooled or attend a public, charter, or private high school in the following six counties: Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte (MO) or Johnson and Wyandotte (KS) • 2.5+ GPA OR 16+ ACT • Be considered low- or modest-income. Eligibility is determined using the Student Aid Index (SAI) calculation on the Federal Student Aid Estimator. 	<p>\$10,000 per year (renewable for 5 years)</p> <p>Opens: TBD - Visit website in January 2024 for more details Due: TBD - Visit website for more details</p>	<p>http://www.kcscholars.org/</p>
20. MCC-Penn Valley – Henry W. Bloch Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident • Pell grant-eligible; be exempt from traditional scholarships due to past academic performance and/or life circumstances • Be a graduating high school senior, have a GED/HiSET, be transferring to MCC, or be a current or returning MCC student who has 30 or more credit hours left to earn their associate degree. • Must plan to attend or be currently attending MCC with the intent to earn an associate degree and then transfer to UMKC to earn a bachelor’s degree 	<p>Up to \$30,000 over four years</p> <p>Due: TBD - Visit website for more details</p>	<p>https://mccckc.edu/foundation/bloch.aspx</p>
21. Honeywell Black Achievers Society Engineering Education Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be African-American students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in engineering or computer science. • 3.5+ GPA (unweighted) • Must be accepted at a 4-year ABET College or university (Accreditation Board for Engineering & Tech, Inc.) • Special consideration will be given to students attending a Historically Black College or University 	<p>\$5,000 renewable scholarships</p> <p>Due: TBD - Visit website for more details</p>	<p>https://gkccf.academicworks.com/opportunities/2995</p>
22. Black Community Scholarship Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be African American • Reside in the six county Kansas City metropolitan area • Must be a graduating high school senior, a current college student, or an adult seeking educational or career advancement through an accredited degree or certification program at a two- or four-year college and/or nonprofit technical school 	<p>\$5,000</p> <p>Due: TBD - Visit website for more details</p>	<p>https://www.growyourgiving.org/scholarships/black-community-scholarship-fund/</p>

23. Metropolitan Community College Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident • 2.0+ GPA 	Amounts Vary Open: Fall 2023 Due: April 1, 2024	https://mcckc.edu/scholarships
24. UMKC Henry W. Bloch Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident • Demonstrate financial need (Pell Grant-eligible or near Pell Grant-eligible) • Be exempt from traditional scholarships due to past academic performance and/or life circumstances • Resident from one of the five-county greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area Counties (Clay, Jackson, Platte, Johnson, and Wyandotte) 	Full tuition and fees, renewable up to 5 years Due: TBD - Visit website for more details	https://umkc.academicworks.com/opportunities/7172
25. UMKC Bloch Launchpad Henry W. Bloch Impact Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missouri or Kansas resident planning to major in business or accounting • ACT score of 25+ or 3.5+ High school core GPA • Strong personal statement and interview • Renewable each year with a 3.0 GPA, appropriate participation in Launchpad programming and progress toward completing your degree from the Bloch School of Management 	\$2,500 a year in scholarship funding Due: May 1, 2024	https://bloch.umkc.edu/launchpad/
26. UMKC Bloch Launchpad Henry W. Bloch Legacy Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missouri or Kansas resident • ACT score of 25 or above • 3.5+ High school core GPA • Strong personal statement and interview • Renewable each year with a 3.0 GPA, appropriate participation in Launchpad programming and progress toward completing your degree from the Bloch School of Management 	\$6,000 a year in scholarship funding Due: May 1, 2024	https://bloch.umkc.edu/launchpad/
27. UMKC Bloch Launchpad Henry W. Bloch Capstone Scholars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missouri or Kansas resident planning to major in business or accounting • ACT score of 22+ or High school core GPA of 3.0 • Strong personal statement and interview • Renewable each year with a 3.0 GPA, appropriate participation in Launchpad programming. 	\$2,000 a year in scholarship funding Due: May 1, 2024	https://bloch.umkc.edu/undergraduate/launchpad.html

<p>28. UMKC Marion H. Bloch Scholars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible students must be an incoming first-time freshman or transfer for Fall 2024. • Meet one of the following academic qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have an ACT score of 29+ - Have a 3.6 Core GPA+ - Students with slightly lower ACT scores who are Pell- or near Pell-eligible will be considered • Demonstrate community/civic involvement • Resident from one of the five-county greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area Counties (Clay, Jackson, Platte, Johnson, and Wyandotte) • Enrolled Full-Time • U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident 	<p>Full tuition and fees, renewable up to 5 years</p> <p>Due: March 1, 2024</p>	<p>https://umkc.academicworks.com/opportunities/9293</p>
<p>29. Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African American, American Indian/ Alaska Native, Asian American & Pacific Islander American, and/ or Hispanic American high school senior • Kansas resident • 21+ ACT or 3.0+ GPA or rank in top 33% of high school graduating class • Must have financial need • Complete and submit FAFSA by April 1 	<p>Up to \$1,850</p> <p>Due: May 1, 2024</p>	<p>https://www.kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants</p>
<p>30. Kansas City, Missouri Opportunities Scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a resident of Kansas City, MO in a household whose annual income is 80% or less than median income of Kansas City, MO households as determined by U.S. HUD • Must be FAFSA eligible • Provide most recent 1040EZ, 1040A or 1040 IRS forms 	<p>\$1,000</p> <p>Opens: Spring 2024 Due: May 1, 2024</p>	<p>https://gkccf.academicworks.com/opportunities/1402</p>

HDF College Partners – Matching Institutions

Name of College	Scholarship Deadline	HDF Match Amount	Estimated Total Cost for 1 Year	Scholarship Opportunities	Website:
Avila University	Recommend December 1, but admissions are on a rolling basis. Scholarships will also be awarded on a rolling basis.	\$1,000	\$38,762 (Off Campus tuition 12-18 credit hours per semester) \$8,795 (On Campus double room/14 meal plan) \$47,557 total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Scholarship (25 ACT or 3.82 GPA) - \$25,000 • Avila Achievement Scholarship (based on GPA and ACT) - \$21,000 to \$24,000 • Avila Athletic Scholarship (in lieu of achievement) – Amount Varies • Engagement/Performance Grants – trade time spent in activity or engagement on campus with scholarship dollars - Amount Varies • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://www.avila.edu/avila-life/sleptiza-center-for-student-excellence/student-financial-services/financial-aid-office/financial-aid-for-first-year-and-transfer-students/
College of Saint Mary (Omaha, Nebraska)	Recommend November 1	\$1,500	\$31,990 (On Campus tuition + room & board)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Achievement Scholarship awarded based on a combination of your high school GPA and ACT/SAT score: \$2,000, \$4,000 or \$6,000 per year • Athletic Scholarship are available and awarded on an annual basis • Catherine McAuley Grant available to students who demonstrate financial need • Misericordia Scholarship is for undocumented students 	https://www.csm.edu/admissions/affordability/grants-scholarships
Donnelly College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential - February 1 • Henry W. Bloch – March 1 	\$2,000/year (\$1,000 per semester)	\$9,990 (Off Campus tuition & fees for 12 credit hours per semester)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Scholarship (3.5 GPA and 24 ACT) – 100% of tuition and fees- Renewable up to 4 semesters with a 3.25 college GPA and full time status • Henry W. Bloch Scholarship (2.5 GPA, needs based, open to undocumented students) • -100% of tuition and fees at Donnelly College and then up to six semesters upon transfer to UMKC or Rockhurst University 	https://www.donnelly.edu/admissions/aid/scholarships
Emporia State University	Recommend November 1	\$3,000	\$17,504 (On Campus living)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latino Legacy Scholarship • Rudd Scholarship Program • Lena Rios Memorial Scholarship • See web site for more scholarship opportunities 	https://www.emporia.edu/finaid/scholarships/

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Fort Hays State University	Priority – November 15 Final – February 15	\$1,000	\$14,406 (On Campus for KS & MO Residents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Freshman Scholarships (based on ACT and GPA) – range from \$1,500-\$3,750/year • Access to Academic Opportunity Grant – ranges from \$2,000 - \$4,000 • Rudd Foundation Scholarship • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://www.fhsu.edu/admissions/scholarships/freshmen
Johnson County Community College	April 1	\$1,000	\$2,910 (JOCO Residents) \$3,480 (Other KS Residents) \$4,290 (Metro Rate) \$6,840 (Out of State Rate) 15 credit hours per semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CavGuarantee - \$1,000 to incoming JOCO freshmen with 3.25+ GPA (FAFSA not required) • Sunflower Grant - \$2,000/year • JCCC Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000/year or more • Meal Share (for students needing assistance paying for/eating on campus) • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/financial-aid/aid-types/scholarships/index.html
Kansas City Art Institute	December 1 Early Action February 1 Freshman	\$2,500	\$56,210 (On Campus) \$43,700 (Off Campus with parent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Merit-based Scholarship (based on GPA, portfolio, and application materials) – starting at \$14,000/year • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	http://kcai.edu/financial-aid-scholarships-scholarships-grants/
Kansas City Kansas Community College	March 1 (summer/fall terms)	Dollar for Dollar 100% Match	\$3,150 (WYCO Residents) \$3,420 (KS Residents) \$4,185 (Metro Rate) \$6,720 (Out of State Rate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor’s Presidential Scholarship • - Wyandotte county high school seniors who have a 3.3 GPA plus specific ACT subject test scores (see website) • BizFest Scholarship – Have successfully completed the KC BizFest program; graduate from a KS high school, and be eligible for KS in state tuition (see website for details) • See website for more scholarship opportunities makes sure to check out the KCKCC Foundation Scholarships 	<p>Scholarship Page: http://www.kckcc.edu/costs-aid/scholarships</p> <p>Foundation Scholarship Page: https://www.kckcc.edu/foundation/scholarships/index.html</p>

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Kansas State University	December 1 for future freshmen February 1 for future transfer students If your desired entry term is different from fall, please find your priority application date on the scholarship website.	Up to \$2,000 (or more on case-by-case basis)	In-State Tuition: \$11,876 (30 credit hours) Out-of-State Tuition: \$28,348 (30 credit hours) On-campus housing: \$12,030 In-State Tuition + Room & Board: \$23,896 Out-of-State Tuition + Room & Board: \$40,368	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be admitted to K-State and have completed the general university scholarship/awards application by priority date, December 1 to be eligible • 1863 Landmark Award (Incoming KS freshmen with high school unweighted GPA of 3.25-3.29) - \$4,000 total value, \$1,000 per year renewable • Limestone Award (Incoming KS freshmen with high school unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher) - \$6,000 total value, \$1,500 per year renewable • Wildcat Traditions (Incoming KS freshmen with high school unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher and 22-24 ACT score) - \$10,000 total value, \$2,500 per year renewable • Royal Purple Scholarship (Incoming KS freshmen with high school unweighted GPA of 3.7 or higher and 25-28 ACT score) - \$16,000 total value, \$4,000 per year renewable • University Scholar Award (Incoming KS freshmen with high school unweighted GPA of 3.85 or higher and minimum 29 ACT score) - \$22,000 total value, \$5,500 per year renewable 	https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/aid/scholarships/
Metropolitan Community College	April 1	\$5,000	\$3,480 (In district) \$6,840 (Out of district) \$9,210 (Out of State)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloch Scholarship • President's Scholarship • Board of Trustee Scholarship • A.J. Slater Memorial Scholarship • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://mcckc.edu/scholarships
Northwest Missouri State University	Recommend November 1 (February 1 is actual deadline)	\$5,000	\$26,940 (On Campus for MO Residents) \$34,992 (On Campus for KS Residents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test optional scholarships range from \$1,000- \$4,000/year • A+ Scholarship - \$1,500 • Multicultural Scholarship - \$1,000-\$1,500 • Additional scholarships based on financial need with possibility of a full tuition waiver • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid/aid/scholarships/index.htm

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Park University	November 1	\$1,000	\$15,500 (Off Campus) \$26,180 (On Campus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships based on GPA and Test scores range from \$2500 - \$3500 Competitive Scholarships requiring an essay and interview range from \$7500 to Full Tuition Missouri A+ Recognition Scholarship is \$5000 Scholarships based on need, diversity, academic opportunity range from \$500 to \$2000 See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://www.park.edu/tuition-financial-aid/scholarships/parkville-scholarships/
Pittsburg State University	Recommend November 1 (February 1 is actual deadline)	\$500	\$18,866 (On campus for KS Residents & KCMO Metro Students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Achievement Award (based on GPA and ACT) - \$500-\$1,200 Diversity Scholarship (19 ACT and 3.4 ACT or 21+ ACT and 3.2 GPA) - \$1,000 See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://admission.pittstate.edu/scholarships-financial-assistance.html
Rockhurst University	Recommend December 1 (February for Freshman Talent Scholarships)	Dollar for Dollar 100% Match	\$40,700 (Off Campus) \$51,710 (On Campus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic Academic Scholarships: Breen, Knapp or Carey (GPA Based) – \$16,000-\$24,000 Trustees Scholarships – Full Tuition, based on GPA and campus interview. SSSP Scholarship – \$2,000-\$5,000 competitive application based on need Mission Grant - Meets remaining need after FAFSA. Based on GPA and need. Hummel- \$10,000-\$30,000 Competitive application based on need and GPA. Service, talent, need based and others on our website! 	https://ww2.rockhurst.edu/admissions/freshman/scholarships

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University of Central Missouri	Recommend November 1 February 1 Deadline	\$2,000	\$15,752 (On campus for MO residents) \$23,792 (On campus for Out-of-state students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCM Cesar E. Chavez Scholarship - \$3,125/year (renewable) • Red & Black Scholarship – automatic scholarships based on ACT & GPA; range from \$1,000 - \$4,500/year; renewable • UCM Bound Out-of-State Scholarship – in-state tuition for Kansas students; no application necessary; automatically awarded (a value of \$8,040) • UCM Scholarship Finder – over 250 additional scholarships with one application (ucmo.academicworks.com) • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://www.ucmo.edu/scholarships
University of Kansas	December 1	Dollar for Dollar 100% Match	\$18,890-\$27,665 (On Campus for KS Residents) \$35,758-\$44,533 (On Campus for MO Residents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KU Pell Advantage (22 ACT + 3.25 GPA) - \$11,318/yr. Must apply to KU and complete FAFSA by Feb. 1 • Raise.Me Micro-Scholarships (for KCK students who have 21 ACT & 3.25 GPA) - \$1,000/yr. - Must apply to KU by Dec. 1 and create an online account through raise.me and add an individual achievement by Dec. 1 • Hixon Opportunity Award (KS residents) - \$6,000/yr. Must apply to KU and file the FAFSA by Feb. 1st, and submit Hixon application by Jan. 4 • Automatic Scholarships (based on ACT and GPA) – range from \$1,000-\$16,000/year - Apply by December 1st (except for Pell Advantage; see info above). 	https://admissions.ku.edu/tuition-scholarship/freshman
University of Saint Mary	Recommend December 1	\$1,000	\$38,500 (On Campus) \$30,000 (Off Campus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-Ride (tuition, room & board) Jubilee Scholarship (Must meet 2 of 3 criteria: 26+ ACT or 3.7 GPA or rank in top 10% of class) • Presidential Scholarship - \$17,500/yr • Dean's Scholarship - \$16,500/yr • Biz Fest Scholarship – up to \$5,000/yr • Catholic High School Scholarship – up to \$3,000 a year • Talent and athletic awards – up to \$5,000 a year • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://www.stmary.edu/scholarships

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Washburn University	Recommend November 1	\$1,000	\$20,260 (On Campus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richey Scholarship – GPA 3.9+ and ACT 28+ eligible to apply for this competitive scholarship of \$7,000/year • Freshman Academic Scholarships (based on GPA and ACT) – range from \$500-\$5,000/year • RaiseMe Scholarship funds – visit https://www.raise.me/join/washburn • Garvey Competitive Exam – based on results from a competitive scholarship exam (www.washburn.edu/garvey) range from \$500-2,000 • Other scholarships available based on academic area of interest, leadership awards, honors, talent scholarships (athletic/music/theatre/debate) and more. See website for more scholarship opportunities. 	https://washburn.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/scholarship.html
Wichita State University	Recommend November 1	\$1,000 (renewable with a 3.0 GPA)	\$28,910 (On Campus for KS Residents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshmen Merit Scholarships \$3,000 - \$24,000 • Distinguished Scholarship Invitational up to \$64,000 • WSU National Hispanic Recognition Scholarship \$50,000 • Mark & Stacy Parkinson Scholarship \$34,000 • Passage Scholars up to \$20,000 • Linwood Sexton Endowed Scholarship full-ride for Business and Education majors 	https://www.wichita.edu/administration/financial_aid/scholarships/index.php
William Jewell College	December 1st Priority Deadline	Dollar for Dollar 100% Match	\$31,271	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic scholarships ranging from \$500 to Full Academic Merit based on GPA and ACT/SAT test scores. • Other scholarships available based on leadership, service, and other distinguishable attributes. • See website for more scholarship opportunities 	https://jewell.edu/afford/scholarships

Questions To Ask College Representatives

Admission Requirements

1. What are the admission requirements (what does it take to get accepted to this college/institution)?
2. When is the application deadline? Scholarship deadline? Are (official) ACT scores required? What is your early action deadline (not early decision)?

Academics

3. Does the school offer my desired or similar major? (Example: Business Administration)
4. Which academic programs are strongest at this college/institution (are there certain programs or majors that have an excellent reputation)?
5. What is the average class size?
6. What support services does this college/institution offer students who are struggling in class?
7. Does the school offer a summer bridge program?
8. Is there a program that supports Latino/Hispanic students on campus?
9. Are there any retention programs or specific academic services offered to first-generation students?

Campus Life

10. Are first year students required to live on campus? Or are students able to live at home?
11. What is the campus culture like at this college/institution?
12. What are the different options for on-campus living? Dormitories (single-room, double-room, etc.)?
13. What activities and/or sports are offered at this college/institution?
14. Are there Latino/Hispanic leadership clubs, organizations, fraternities, sororities, etc.?

Career Placement

15. Is there a career center on campus? If so, what are their services?
16. Which companies are located in or near the college town/city? Any company partnerships?
17. What companies actively recruit students from your college/institution?

Financial Aid

18. What is the total estimated direct cost per college/institution year? (Tuition & fees? Room & Board?)
19. What are the costs of some of the following fees: Application fee? Enrollment Fee? Room & Board Application Fee? Other fees?
20. What kinds of scholarships or grants does the college/institution offer?
21. Where can I find more information about financial aid opportunities?
22. Are there any scholarships that specifically apply to Latino/Hispanic or first-generation students?
23. How much debt does the average student graduate with from this college/institution?

Location/Settings

24. How long does it take to drive to this college/institution from Kansas City?
25. Is it a city, small town, or rural area?
26. What does the city/town have to offer in terms of entertainment, dining, shopping, or recreation?
27. Are there many Latinos/Hispanics in your town/city?

Student Population

28. What is the total undergraduate student population?
29. What percent of the student population is... White? African American? Hispanic? Other?
30. What is the average ACT score for students who attend this college/institution?

College Score Card

College Name: _____

	NOT AVAILABLE (0)	DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS (1)	MEETS EXPECTATIONS (2)	EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS (3)
CAMPUS & STUDENT LIFE				
Distance from Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Campus (Layout, Size, Attractiveness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town or City where School is Located (Size, Entertainment, Dining, Etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dormitories/On-campus Apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Campus (Layout, Size, Attractiveness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dining Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Facilities (Recreation Center, Student Union, Library, Technology)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
% Of Students Who live On Campus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retention Rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preferred Clubs, Organizations, Athletics, or Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:				
Average Score (Total Score/9) =				
STUDENT POPULATION				
Size of Student Population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diversity of Student Population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic Student Population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:				
Average Score (Total Score/3) =				
ACADEMICS				
Selectivity of School (Acceptance Rate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average Incoming Freshmen GPA and ACT Score	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reputation of Preferred Major/Program of Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average Class Size	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tutoring/Academic Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summer Bridge Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graduation Rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Career Placement Rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:				
Average Score (Total Score/8) =				
FINANCES				
Total Cost of School (Tuition, Fees, Living, Meals, Books, Etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Merit-based Scholarships/Grants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Need-based Scholarships/Grants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:				
Average Score (Total Score/3) =				


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