



Resources for Undocumented Students

What college and scholarship opportunities should I pursue before senior year?



Apply for the KCPS and KCKPS Early College opportunities at the end of your sophomore year to work towards achieving your associate degree upon graduating from high school.

What types of colleges should I apply to?

1. Local 2-Year Colleges
2. Private Colleges and Universities
3. Kansas Colleges and Universities




You want to aim to apply to at least one college within the categories listed below.

Reach School - a college or university you aren't sure you would be admitted to or a school that could be a financial stretch.




Target School - a college or university that you are confident you will be admitted to, are more likely to be able to afford, and one that you are seriously considering.

Safety School - a college or university you are certain to be admitted to and likely to afford.





Recommended Local 2-Year Colleges (Safety & Target Schools)

College	Information
 <p>DONNELLY COLLEGE EST. 1949</p>	<p>Donnelly College is an affordable and accessible Catholic college based in Kansas City, Kansas. It has a bachelor's program, associate degrees, nursing programs, and certificates offered to a diverse student body.</p> <p>Ask about the Sister Jerome Scholarship and the Bloch Scholars Program.</p>
 <p>Kansas City Kansas Community College</p>	<p>KCKCC was founded in 1923, and it's located in the heart of Kansas City, Kansas. It offers affordable and accredited junior college-level classes and technical education. Ask about the KCKCC Foundation Scholarships.</p>
 <p>JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE</p>	<p>JCCC is an accredited community college. Students can pursue areas of study in a long list of industries and professions, from business to art to cosmetology. In addition, JCCC offers career development, academic counseling, tutoring, and other tools and resources to help students succeed.</p> <p>JCCC is focused on affordable tuition, offering financial aid through grants, loans, and scholarships for various degree programs.</p>

Recommended Private Colleges and Universities (Target & Reach Schools)

College	Information
 <p>UNIVERSITY of SAINT MARY</p>	<p>University of Saint Mary is a small Catholic college in Leavenworth, Kansas (about 35 miles away from Kansas City). It offers a variety of undergraduate majors, master's programs, and doctoral degrees (health care programs, business, education, social sciences and humanities). They do have financial aid opportunities for non-FAFSA-eligible students.</p>
 <p>COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY</p>	<p>College of Saint Mary is an all-women's Catholic university in Omaha, Nebraska. It offers undergraduate, graduate, and certification programs. It is a small-sized university that offers 35+ majors and has 11 athletic teams. Ask about the Misericordia Scholarship.</p>
 <p>AVILA UNIVERSITY[®] <i>Be Inspired.</i></p>	<p>Avila University is a private Catholic University in South Kansas City, providing liberal arts, professional, undergraduate, and graduate education. The school size is small, with a 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio. One hundred percent of Avila First-Year Students Received Scholarships or Financial Aid. Various scholarship opportunities at Avila University do not require a U.S. citizenship status.</p>
 <p>ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY <i>Where leaders learn.</i></p>	<p>Rockhurst University is a private Jesuit university in Kansas City, Missouri. Founded in 1910 as Rockhurst College, Rockhurst University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. It enrolled 2,980 students in 2019. There are merit-based scholarship opportunities that do not require a U.S. citizenship status.</p>

Recommended Kansas Colleges and Universities (Target & Reach Schools)

College	Information
 <p>FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY Forward thinking. World ready.</p>	<p>Fort Hays State University was founded in 1902 as the Western Branch of Kansas State Normal School. Hays is located on the great plains of the American Midwest, about four hours from Kansas City. FHSU offers affordable tuition and merit-based scholarships.</p>
 <p>KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>Kansas State University is a public land-grant research university with its main campus in Manhattan, Kansas. It was opened in 1863 and was the first public institution of higher learning in Kansas. Ask about the K-State Wabash CannonBall Kansas City Scholarship.</p>
 <p>KU THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS</p>	<p>The University of Kansas is a public research university with its main campus in Lawrence, Kansas. Two branch campuses are located in the Kansas City metropolitan area (the university's medical school and hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, and the Edwards Campus in Overland Park). Various scholarship opportunities do not have U.S. citizenship requirements.</p>
 <p>EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>Emporia State University is a public university in Emporia, Kansas. Established in 1863, Emporia State is the third-oldest public university in Kansas. Emporia is about 2 hours away from Kansas City. Ask about the ESU Latino Legacy Scholarship.</p>









Which Private Scholarships Should I Apply To?

Name	Description	When to apply?	Dollar Amount	Página web
<p>1. Scholarships from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation</p>	<p>The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation houses over 150 local private scholarship funds, most of which do not have citizenship requirements.</p>	<p>Senior students fill out the general scholarship application beginning December 2023. Based on the student's personal and academic profile, the GKCCF scholarship portal will populate with recommended scholarship opportunities the student is eligible to apply for.</p>	<p>Amounts vary</p>	<p>https://www.growyourgiving.org/scholarships</p>
<p>2. Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund (HDF) Scholarship</p>	<p>This local scholarship is for Hispanic high school seniors and college students from the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. HDF has proudly supported undocumented students for 39 years.</p>	<p>Senior students must first complete the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation general application. When they self-identify as Hispanic, the HDF Scholarship application will populate their list of recommended scholarship opportunities beginning January 1st. Completed HDF Scholarship applications are due February 2024.</p>	<p>\$1,000 average scholarship award</p>	<p>https://www.growyourgiving.org/scholarships</p>

3. Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship (National Scholarship)	<p>This is a national scholarship for Hispanic senior students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher, plan to attend a 4-year university, and are a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen.</p>	<p>Deadline is tentatively February 2024</p>	<p>\$500-\$5,000</p>	<p>https://www.hsf.net/scholarship</p>
4. The DREAM US Scholarship	<p>This national scholarship was specifically created to support DREAMers. Since Missouri is considered a locked-out state, students will apply to the Opportunity Scholarship and must apply to and attend one of their college partners.</p>	<p>Check website for details.</p>	<p>Up to \$20,000/year for a bachelor's degree from one of the DREAM US partner colleges.</p>	<p>https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/</p>
5. Quest Bridge National College Match Scholarship	<p>This is a highly competitive national scholarship for academically outstanding high school seniors (Primarily A's in the most challenging courses available) from households earning less than \$65,000 for a typical family of four. This scholarship is open to all students, regardless of citizenship status.</p>	<p>September 26 National College Match application is due</p>	<p>Full four-year scholarship from some of the nation's most selective colleges..</p>	<p>https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match/how-to-apply</p>
6. Golden Doors Scholars	<p>This national scholarship is explicitly designated for undocumented students</p>	<p>Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Check their website for details.</p>	<p>Amounts vary. Scholarship recipients will receive funding for a four-year degree at Golden Door partner schools.</p>	<p>https://goldendoor-scholars.org</p>
7. KC Bizfest Scholarship	<p>KC BizFest offers high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area an opportunity to learn various life skills and business techniques. Students participate in a 4-day intensive training where they learn business skills and create and present a business plan.</p>	<p>The online application is due by the end of November. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by the end of December.</p>	<p>Partner institutions like Donnelly College, JCCC, and KCKCC provide scholarships to students who participate in the BizFest Program.</p>	<p>http://www.gkchc.com/kc-bizfest/</p>
8. Jack Kent Cook Scholarship	<p>This is a highly competitive national scholarship for academically outstanding high school seniors (3.5+ GPA and 26+ ACT Score). Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens or permanent residents to apply.</p>	<p>The 2023 application will open on August 24, 2023, through the Common Application and close on November 16, 2023.</p>	<p>Up to \$55,000 per year</p>	<p>https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/</p>

9. My Undocumented Life Scholarship Resource Page	My Undocumented Life has several resources for undocumented students, including an updated scholarships page.	Visit Website	Visit Website	https://mydocumentedlife.org/high-school-students/
10. K-State DREAMZone	The K-State DREAMZone is a resource that offers K-State-specific information and scholarships for undocumented students. It also includes a list of local, state, and national scholarships for all students.	Visit Website	Visit Website	https://www.k-state.edu/diversity/dreamers/
11. Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation Scholarships	The Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation has scholarship opportunities all KCKCC students can apply for (no citizenship requirement).	Fall semester deadline is March 8, 2024	Scholarship amounts vary (\$500 and up)	www.kckcc.edu/foundation/scholarships
12. College Board Resource for Undocumented Students	This college board has several resources for undocumented students and parents on how to apply for college.	Visit Website	Visit Website	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students
13. United We Dream Resource for Undocumented Students	This list has been compiled by the Dream Educational Empowerment Program (DEEP), a program of the United We Dream National Network.	Visit Website	Visit Website	https://unitedwedream.org/resources/scholarships/
14. Immigrants Rising Scholarship Resource List	Their site compiles a list of scholarships and fellowships that don't require proof of U.S. citizenship. The list has general application eligibility requirements, including education level, region/state, and immigration status (e.g. DACA, TPS, in-state tuition eligibility).	Visit Website	Visit Website	https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-scholarships-and-fellowships/
15. MALDEF Scholarship Resource Guide	MALDEF has a robust national scholarship resource guide for DREAMers.	Visit Website	Visit Website	https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resource-guide/
16. Donnelly College – Henry W. Bloch Scholarship	This opportunity is for a candidate who has financial need and is exempt from traditional scholarships due to past academic performance and/or life circumstances. The candidates must plan to attend Donnelly College to pursue an associate degree and intend to complete their bachelor's degree at Rockhurst University.	Application opens on November 1, 2023. The priority deadline is March 1, 2024.	Fully Covered Tuition & Fees Personalized Coaching & Support.	https://www.donnelly.edu/admissions/aid/henry-w-bloch-scholarship

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