

**COLLEGE PLANNING  
CHECKLIST FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
SENIORS:**

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

**High School  
Senior Year**

**Timeline**

**NOVEMBER  
SENIOR  
NEWSLETTER**

**November**

- Prepare to submit regular decision applications in advance of deadlines
- Schedule virtual or in-person interviews (if possible)
- Clean up social media accounts
- Research and apply for scholarships
- Start watching for deadline to apply for Senior Shortened Day
- Take care of your health
- Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving break with friends and family

**December**

- Complete FASFA
- Follow up with requested recommendations
- Send test scores and transcripts
- Complete applications and supplements
- Submit applications before winter break so you can enjoy the holiday's

**January**

- Submit applications to colleges with late deadlines
- Send semester transcripts if needed
- Follow up with your schools to make sure your applications are complete
- Check counseling websites for scholarships

**February**

- Stay engaged with high school (watch out for senioritis)
- Continue to check back and apply for scholarships
- Start thinking about graduation plans
- Keep up with and enjoy extracurricular activities

**March**

- Compare financial aid awards
- Think about summer (jobs? internships? volunteer? travel?)
- Make graduation arrangements with friends and family
- Focus on self-care
- Enjoy spring break!

**April**

- Attend "admitted student" events at colleges you are considering
- Decide whether to accept waitlist spots (if offered)
- Keep grades up-the college you accept will require a final transcript
- Get excited for Senior Awards and graduation!

**May**

- Take AP tests (your college may accept scores make sure to check at chosen schools)
- Inform those who wrote recommendations of your choice and write them thank you notes
- Research first-year housing options; connect with potential roommates
- Prepare for finals
- Happy Graduation!

**Month-by-Month  
BREAKDOWN**



# REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT?

All transcript requests can be made by contacting our registrar, Deana Thom, by email at [dthom@usd232.org](mailto:dthom@usd232.org).

ALWAYS include the name of the college or office the transcript is to be sent to, along with a full mailing address.

Please allow two weeks from your request for the college to receive and process.

## Federal Student Financial Aid Programs

The U.S. Department of Education has three basic categories of student aid in the form of grants, work-study programs and loans. These federal programs can help a student afford to attend a post-secondary vocational technical program, community college or four-year university. Federal aid can help pay for educational expenses such as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and more!

Grant money is based on the student's financial need and typically does not have to be repaid. Work-study programs allow students to work part time on (or sometimes off) campus while attending school and these funds do not have to be repaid. Loans from the federal government must be repaid but generally have low, fixed interest rates.

## Changes to the FAFSA for the 2024-2025 year only!!!

For the academic year 2024-2025 year ONLY you will not be able to submit FAFSA until December. This is due to the form shortening and changes being made.

- The date will remain October 1 for every year after
- You no longer need tax documents. All information is automatically accessed through an IRS Database (FADDX)
- Parents and students will need FSA ID from **studentaid.gov** (typically 3-5 days before applying) and SSN to apply



## Kansas Board of Regents

Students may now apply for scholarships online by creating an account on their [website](#). Applications are available for the following scholarships:

- Kansas State Scholarship
- Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship
- Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship
- Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship
- Kansas Career Technical Workforce Grant
- Kansas Military Service Scholarship
- Kansas National Guard Educational Scholarship
- Kansas Computer Science Education Scholarship
- Kansas Promise Act Scholarship





# JCCC’S EARLY COLLEGE MEETUPS

Early College students are high schoolers who participate in any of the following programs:

- Career Ready
- College Now
- Dual Degree
- Quick Step Plus



Monthly Meetups

Join us for food, friends, and fun conversation!

**You’re a JCCC Early College student** if you participate in any of the following programs:

- Career Ready
- College Now
- Dual Degree
- Quick Step Plus

These monthly meetups are just for you!

- Enjoy free pizza and cookies
- Hang out with friends and make new ones
- Get prepared for your time at JCCC and beyond



**First Monday of each month**  
5:30–7 p.m.  
CoLab (OCB 100)  
Johnson County Community College

**UPCOMING DATES**

**Mon. Oct. 2**

**The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of the First Few Weeks of College:**  
Q&A Panel Discussion with College Freshmen

**Mon. Nov. 6**

**What Is Your Superpower and What to Do with It:**  
How Your Skills Translate to a Future Degree or Career

**Mon. Dec. 4**

**Community Give-Back:** Take Part in a Community Service Event to Benefit JCCC’s Student Basic Needs Center



SCAN to register



SCAN for JCCC campus map

## UMKC PROFESSIONAL CAREER ESCALATORS ‘CAREER YOU’ WORKSHOPS


The career readiness workshops are tailored to high school juniors and seniors across the KC Metro; however, all Kansas City area high school students are welcome! If you attend 4 workshops as a senior student, you get an automatic spot in the collegiate UNKC Professional Career Escalators Program which comes with a scholarship!

**Novembers Monthly Topic: Financial Wellness**

They will do activities to increase financial literacy as well as talk about the new FAFSA that opens on December 1st. Parents and guardians are also welcome to attend.

November 1st 6-8 pm  
Location: Big Brothers Big Sisters KC  
1709 Walnut St KCMO 64108  
November 8th 6-8pm (Virtual)  
Click here to [REGISTER](#)





# KANSAS STATE CHAPTER OF ACACIA FRATERNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Acacia Fraternity is an organization founded on the pursuit of knowledge and leadership. Acacia encourages and assists young men in developing themselves as leaders and balanced men during their college career. Acacia is awarding one leadership scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 and two in the amount of \$1,000 to incoming male freshman at [Kansas State University](#). The application can be found and submitted [online](#)

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## Scholarship Competitions at Wichita State University

Are you interested Engineering or Business? Then you are encouraged to apply for the Koch Scholarship Competition and be a part of the Cohen Honors College at Wichita State University!

The Koch Scholars scholarships award up to \$30,000 (Kansas residents) or \$45,000 (out of state) for up to four years of study while being a member of the Cohen Honors College.

Eligible Majors for Koch Scholars

College of Engineering

- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

Barton School of Business

- Accounting
- Economics
- Economics - Real Estate
- Finance
- Finance - Real Estate
- Information Technology & Management Information Systems

There is a short [video](#) explaining more about the Cohen Honors College and the Koch Scholars Scholarship

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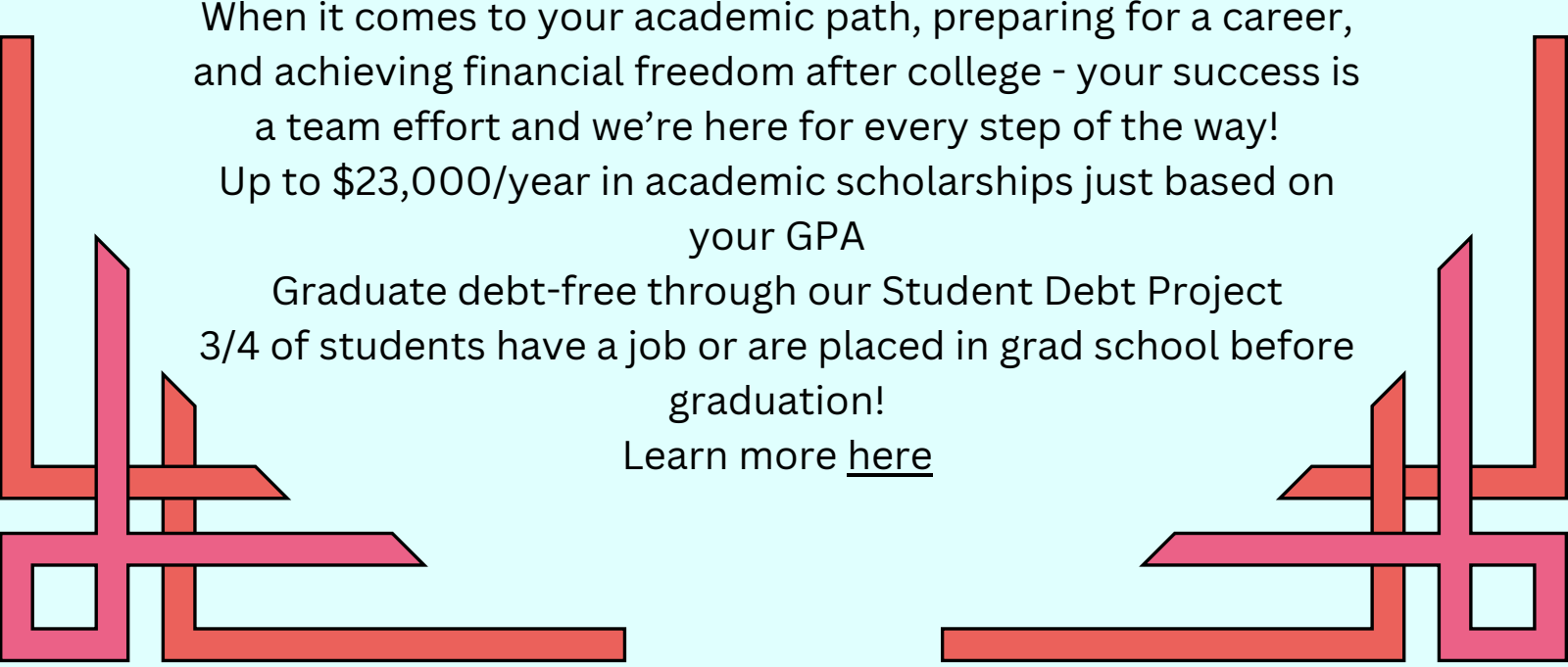
## McPherson College

When it comes to your academic path, preparing for a career, and achieving financial freedom after college - your success is a team effort and we're here for every step of the way!

Up to \$23,000/year in academic scholarships just based on your GPA

Graduate debt-free through our Student Debt Project  
3/4 of students have a job or are placed in grad school before graduation!

Learn more [here](#)





# FEATURED SCHOLARSHIPS

## The Henry W. Bloch Scholars Program and the Marion H. Bloch Scholars Program

These scholarships provide full tuition and fees for up to five years at UMKC! These awards are available to ALL students entering a standard undergraduate program, not just those planning to enter the Bloch School. They're also not just for Missouri students - Kansas students from Johnson and Wyandotte counties are also eligible.

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### Henry W. Bloch Scholars Program

The Henry W. Bloch Scholars Program was created for local students with a determination to succeed, regardless of their finances, test scores or life circumstances. It does not require a certain GPA, ACT score or class rank to apply.

To be considered for the program students must:

- Live in one of these five area counties: Clay, Jackson and Platte in Missouri, and Johnson and Wyandotte in Kansas
- Submit FAFSA and demonstrate financial need
- Plan to enroll full time to earn a four-year degree in a standard undergraduate program (students entering professional programs are not eligible)
- Be unable to receive other scholarships due to academic performance and/or life circumstances

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### Marion H. Bloch Scholars Program

This scholarship supports local students with achievements in academics, leadership and community engagement. To be considered for the program, students must:

- Live in one of these five area counties: Clay, Jackson and Platte in Missouri, and Johnson and Wyandotte in Kansas
- Have an ACT score of 25 or above and a core GPA of 3.6 or above OR have a 3.75 Core GPA or above
- Demonstrate leadership and/or involvement in community engagement activities
- Plan to enroll full time in a standard undergraduate program (students entering professional programs are not eligible)
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

# Mill Valley Booster Club Scholarship

Each year, the Mill Valley Booster Club gives twelve \$500 scholarships to MVHS seniors whose parent(s)/guardians are members of the Booster Club. The 2024 scholarship application will be posted on the MV Booster Club Site on February 1, 2024. The submission deadline will be March 29, 2024. Scholarship requirements: Student must be a MVHS Senior. Student must have a 3.0 GPA. Parent(s)/guardian must be a Booster Club member by December 21, 2023. Student must plan to attend a 2 or 4 year university, vocational or technical school.

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## RUDD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

**Making a positive impact in the world through social initiatives and a full-ride scholarship program for high-achieving students.**  
**There are forty 4 year full ride scholarships available.**

**Scholarship eligibility:**

- **Must have a cumulative, unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above;**
- **Graduating high school in 2024 and will enroll full time in the fall;**
- **Demonstrate financial need (Pell-eligible)**
- **Must be a US Citizen**
- **Must reside in the state of Kansas**
- **Must be admitted and will attend either Emporia State, For Hays State, Kansas State, or Wichita State.**
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**Applications accepted 10/1 - 12/1/2023**

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## SEDC Career Ready Scholarship

The Shawnee Economic Development Council Career Ready Scholarship provides financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000 to graduating Shawnee high school seniors seeking a career in construction or construction trades such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry, or other related professions. A successful applicant must identify either trade school where they will continue their education or acceptance of direct employment by a licensed Kansas City metro area contractor. Financial award must be used to cover costs related to tuition, books, fees, tools and/or equipment related to the construction industry. Awardees will be paired with a SEDC Scholar mentor who will assist with selection of tools and supplies required to be work ready on first day of employment. For more information go to this [link](#)





# Washburn University

## Merit Scholarships

Fund your own future! These Merit Scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$20,000 for incoming first-time freshman and are awarded with just their high school GPA - no test scores required.

Learn more online at [washburn.edu/scholarships](http://washburn.edu/scholarships)

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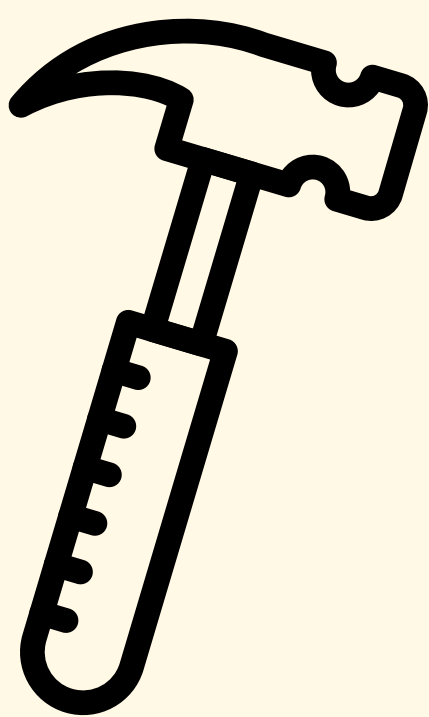
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## Water One Internships

WaterOne offers real world opportunities for students enrolled in post-secondary education. Our internships range from field services, engineering, human resources, and more. These are great ways to gain experience in a career path or organization you are interested in. As one of our interns, you'll help us with relentless pursuit of our vision: **Setting the standard for utility excellence.**

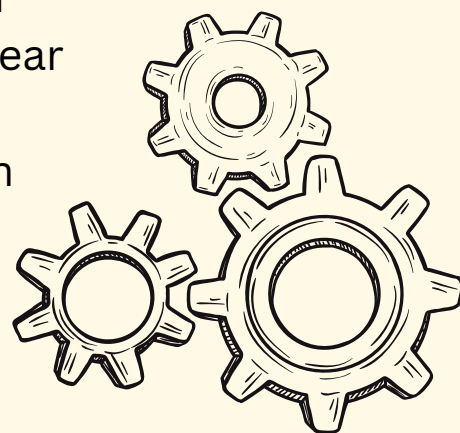
Internships offered: Human Resources, Legal, Communications, Facility Engineering, Fire Hydrant Auditor, Fleet Mechanic, GIS Technician, Grounds Maintenance, Meter Maintenance, and more! To learn more go to [waterone.org/careers](http://waterone.org/careers)

## Foley Equipment Diesel Technician Internship



### EARN WHILE YOU LEARN!!

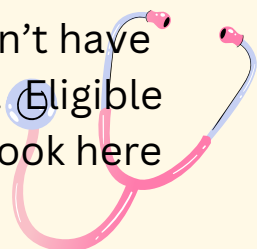
- Learn to work on Caterpillar Equipment while earning a 2 year associate degree!
- Paid, hands on training each semester
- Scholarships & tuition reimbursement
- \$14,000 worth of tools
- \$2,500 stipend per semester



Learn more or apply at [www.careers.foleyeq.com/thinkbig](http://www.careers.foleyeq.com/thinkbig)

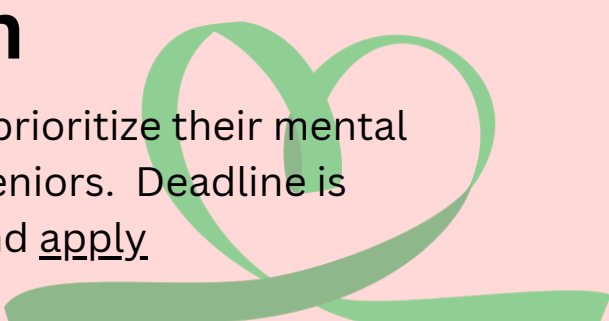
## ES.AI/Weber Shandwick

ES.AI is partnering with innovative global communications firm Weber Shandwick to provide students with \$1,500 scholarships plus a year of free access to all ES.AI tools (a \$480 value). “We’re not looking for students with the best grades or highest test scores. Instead we want to hear creative ideas from high school seniors. In just one writing prompt, we want to know how they would answer the question: **How can emerging technology contribute to a more fair, accessible, or inclusive world?**” That’s it! And you don’t have to have a tech background or expertise in any specific field. Eligible students will only be judged on the quality of their ideas. Look here for more information and to apply.



# ADHDAdvisor.org Quarterly Mental Health Scholarship for Women

This \$500 scholarship is for women who prioritize their mental health and is open to all high school seniors. Deadline is February 1st. Learn more and [apply](#).



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## Hagan Scholarship Foundation

The Hagan Scholarship is a life-changing scholarship. The scholarship provides up to \$7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters, providing recipients with the opportunity to graduate college debt-free. Recipients graduating college while in the Hagan Scholarship Program can apply for a Hagan Graduate Scholarship good for up to four additional semesters. Check out their website if you are [interested](#). Brochures are also available in the Counseling Office.

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## Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers and Metro Chiefs & Sheriffs Association Scholarship Essay Contest

The Great KC Crime Stoppers/TIPS Hotline and the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association are sponsoring a scholarship contest for high school students in Missouri and Kansas. Two winners, one from each state, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Each student must submit a typed essay of 750 to 1,000 words on this topic:

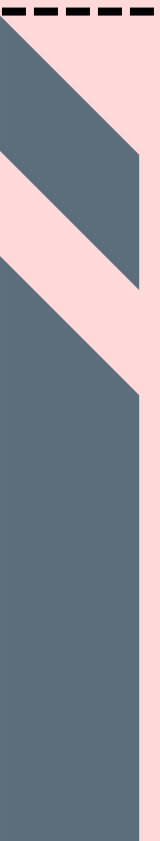
**Serving the public as a Law Enforcement Officer is not for everyone. What would be the rewards and challenges of becoming a future Law Enforcement Officer today? How can law enforcement entities help to encourage the next generation of upstanding young citizens to enter and stay in public service as a career?**

For requirements, more information and the application, see Mrs. Sanders in the Counseling Office.

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## Foundation 649 College Scholarship

Foundation 649 is a non-profit organization dedicated to discovering and empowering young, talented Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who are actively shaping our cultural and social identity. We are currently accepting applications for our 2024 scholarship to graduating Asian American/Pacific Islander high schoolers! There will be five awards of \$4,000 spread over 4 years. For more info and requirements go to their [website](#)





# KCKCC BIOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP



Kansas City Kansas Community College is offering the NSF S-STEM scholarship opportunity again this year.

This scholarship provides support to low-income students for the duration of the 2 years they are at KCKCC. You can earn up to a \$7,500 scholarship each year as you complete an Associates Degree in biology.

For two years you will receive inclusive mentoring from a trained faculty member to help you graduate.

You will also receive access to STEM activities to prepare you for your career, including research and internship opportunities, career readiness, and expressing your STEM identity!

Look [here](#) for the eligibility requirements, application and recommendation forms. The paperwork is also available in the Counseling Office (see Mrs. Sanders). Or if you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please reach out to Tyrun Flaherty, Assistant Professor of Biology at [tflaherty@kckcc.edu](mailto:tflaherty@kckcc.edu).

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## K-State Alumni Association/ Wabash Cannonball Committee Scholarship

These 55 scholarships worth \$2,500 each will be awarded to incoming K-State freshmen from the Kansas City Metro area. **Criteria:** You must live in Johnson, Miami or Wyandotte counties in Kansas; Jackson, Cass, Clay or Platte counties in Missouri.

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 on a weighted or un-weighted scale.

Must be admitted to Kansas State University and have completed the general scholarship [application](#) by December 1st. The scholarship application is also due by December 1st.

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## Kansas Wesleyan University

Whether it's Elementary Education, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work, Nursing, or STEM programs, you can take the next step in your educational journey at KWU. Our growing campus ministry program, 25 NAIA athletic teams, and our excellent fine arts division, featuring choir, orchestra, band, art and theatre opportunities provide something for everyone!

- 98% of undergraduates employed
- 99% of full-time students awarded financial aid
- 14,000+ community service, internship and job shadowing hours each year.

We have numerous scholarship and award opportunities too! Interested? Learn more [here](#)



# Washburn University Garvey Scholarship Competition

Washburn University is sharing another excellent scholarship opportunity for students! The Garvey Scholarship Competition will award the winners a \$6,000 scholarship (\$1,500/year) to Washburn University!

The Garvey Scholarship Competition is an essay competition with a 75 minute time limit used to determine Garvey Scholarships. Essays should be between 400 and 500 words and in response to the following prompt:

“Washburn’s motto is Non Nobis Solum, Not for ourselves alone, which is ingrained in what it means to be an Ichabod. How will you, as a student at and alumnus of Washburn, embody this motto?”

Learn more about the Gary Scholarship Competition at [washburn.edu/garvey](http://washburn.edu/garvey).

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## Kansas Kiwanis Foundation Scholarships

This year, the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation will award 35 scholarships to Kansas High School and College students worth \$20,700 to assist them with their education. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Applications are reviewed, and recommendations are made to the Board in March. Recipients are notified following the Board’s decision. Please see Mrs. Sanders in the Counseling Office for the application.

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## Seven Days Make a Ripple Change the World

### \$1,000 Kindness Scholarship

SevenDays has a scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors. All high school seniors in the Kansas City metro area are eligible to participate.

Up to 5 scholarships will be awarded.

Application is due January 12th

Visit [www.sevendays.org](http://www.sevendays.org) for requirements and more information

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