

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

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**High School
Senior Year**

Timeline



**DECEMBER
SENIOR
NEWSLETTER**

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.

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.

Fort Hays State University Nursing Guaranteed Admission Program (NGAP)

Is your future in nursing?? Fort Hays State University offers a nursing guaranteed admission opportunity to qualified, first-time, full-time freshman students majoring in nursing. If selected, the student is granted admission preference and will not have to participate in the competitive application process their sophomore year. Students must remain in good standing and meet all NGAP and nursing department requirements to be granted full admission. Application deadline is February 1st. For more information and to apply visit [here](#)

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 IS ACCEPTING SPRING 2024 NAIL TECHNICIAN APPLICATIONS!

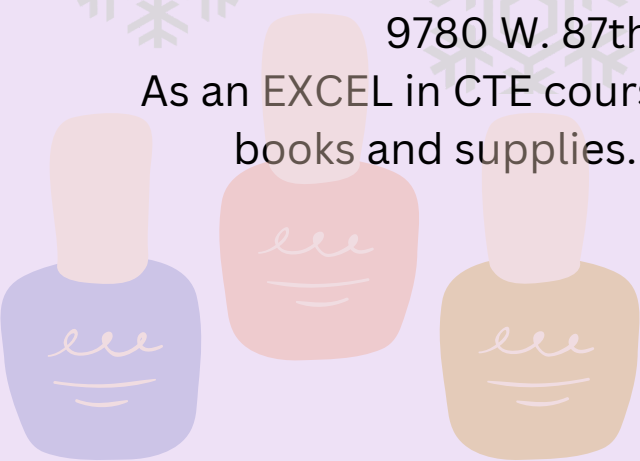
This is a 19 week program consisting of 16 credit hours, 350 contact hours, completed in one semester. This course provides theory and skill instruction in determining nail disorders and care as well as the artistic application of tips, overlays, and sculptured nails. Upon successful completion, students will be prepared to take the Kansas State Board of Cosmetology Manicurist examination.

Program dates and class schedule:

- January 8 - May 25, 2024
- Monday - Thursday, 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

Class location: JCCC School of Cosmetology (West Park Campus)
9780 W. 87th St., Overland Park, KS 66212

As an EXCEL in CTE course, students will only have to pay for their books and supplies. More information can be found [here](#)




Horatio Alger Association Scholarships

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students who have demonstrated integrity, determination in overcoming adversity, academic potential, the personal aspiration to make a unique contribution to society, strength of character and financial need. The Association awards 2 scholarships with a \$25,000 National scholarships and 7 students from the state of Kansas with \$10,000 scholarships. For more information visit horatioalger.org

UMKC Professional Career Escalators CAREER U Career Summit

For the month of April 2024, we are wanting to host students on the UMKC Volker Campus to participate in a **free** career summit. We will have the students engage with UMKC staff and students as well as professionals in the community. They will participate in career exploration activities and experience a morning on campus. If interested email Connor Davis, at connordavis@umkc.edu.



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](#)

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

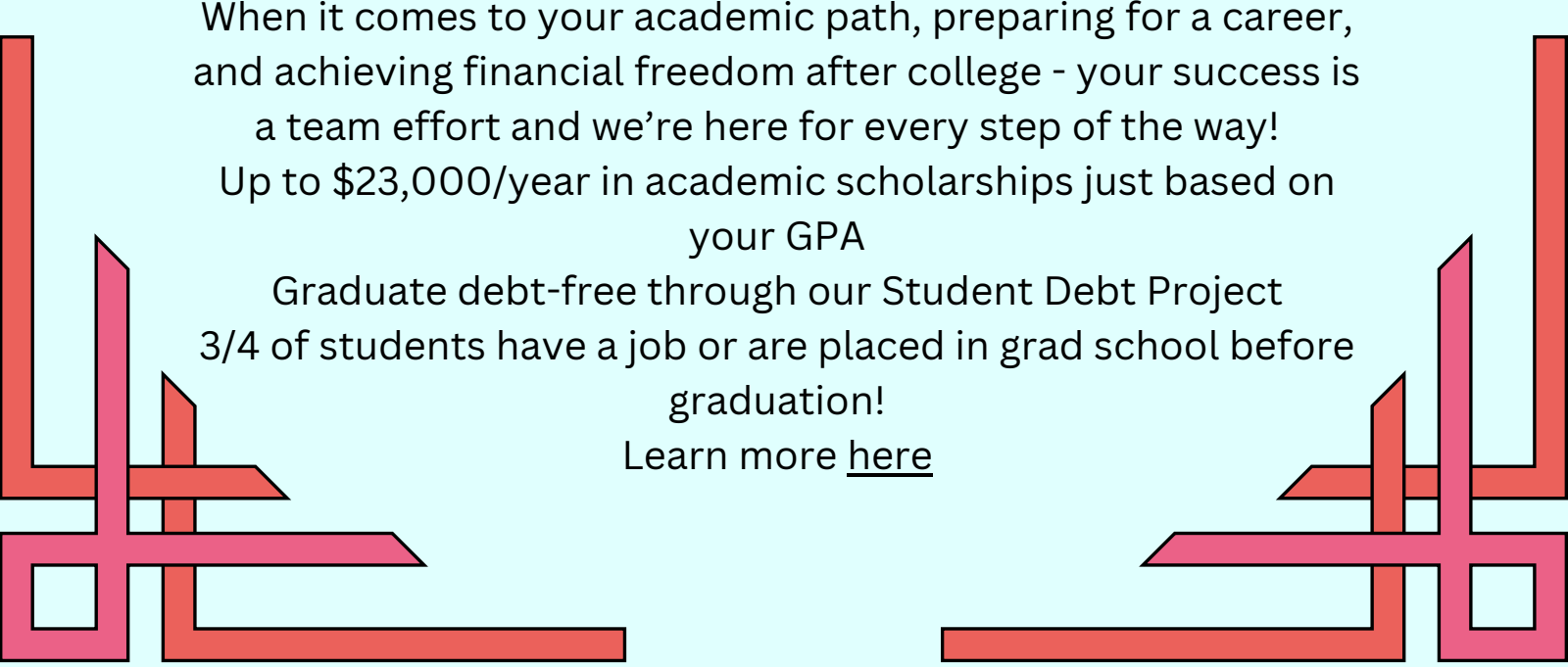
McPherson College

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](#)



UMKC STAHR SCHOLARS OPPORTUNITY



- Are you currently a senior in high school?
- Interested in exploring careers in healthcare?
- Looking to strengthen your competitiveness for applying to college or health education programs?
- Eager to experience what it's like to be a health professional student?

Then apply to join the STAHR Scholars Program today!

Students training in Academia, Health, and Research (STAHR) is a collaborative effort of the University of Missouri-Kansas City's School of Dentistry, School of Medicine, and School of Pharmacy, and aims to support students' success as they work to become health professionals. The STAHR Scholars Program provides students with opportunities to prepare for a future career in health. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15, 2024

UMKC Professional Career Escalators "Career You" Workshop



January Workshop Topic: College Decisions
Tuesday, January 16th, 6pm - 8 pm (Virtual)
You will receive a link upon registration.
Please register to receive updates about the event

Bethany College Music and Arts Scholarship Audition Process

Follow the 3 simple steps outlined here to sign up for either a music or an art audition date and time.

Executive Women International Kansas City

The Executive Women International (EWI) Scholarship Program is open to high school seniors who:

- Plan to pursue a degree at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Have demonstrated financial need
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Have contributed to their community as demonstrated by their involvement in extracurricular activities, work, religious, civic or volunteer activities
- Are a legal resident of the United States

Please go to their website to apply. Applications will be accepted early January through late March

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.

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

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.

Shelter Insurance Foundation Agent Scholarship

Shelter Insurance is offering a graduating Mill Valley senior a \$1,500 scholarship to the college, university, or trade school of your choosing! Applications will be available in the Counseling Office after the first of the year. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.

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](#)



Great Jobs KC Scholarship Opportunities!

Our mission is to increase access to postsecondary education for moderate and low-income individuals.

Traditional College Scholarships:

\$50,000 scholarship that pays for up to 6 years or a bachelor's degree program, Enrollment period from November 14th – December 14th for adult learners 18+ with a high school diploma

Tuition-Free Job Credential Programs:

In addition to our college scholarship programs, we also offer tuition-free job training credential programs. These programs are designed to provide individuals with the skills and training they need to secure well-paying jobs. With the support of Great Jobs KC, adults 17+ can learn faster, develop the skills needed to earn between \$45,000-\$85,000 annually, and begin a fulfilling career in one year or less. We provide connections to support services, including transportation support, to ensure that nothing gets in the way of completing the program and achieving the participant's goals.

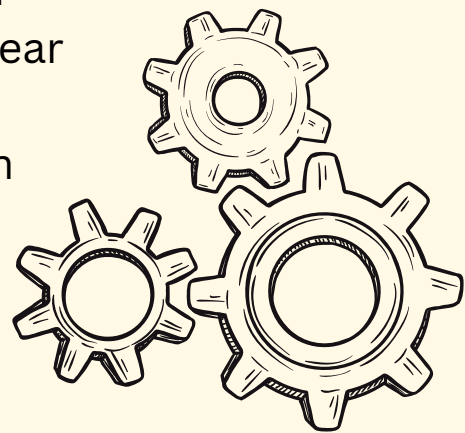
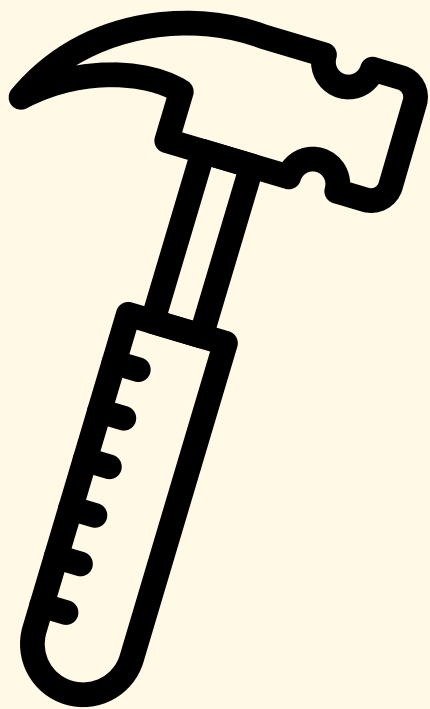
For more information go to kcscholars.org

Foley Equipment Diesel Technician Internship

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN!!

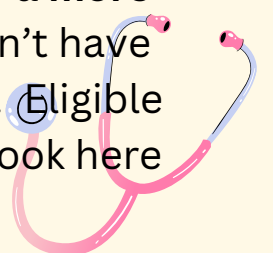
- Learn to work on Caterpillar Equipment while earning a 2 year associate degree!
- Paid, hands on training each semester
- Scholarships & tuition reimbursement
- \$14,000 worth of tools
- \$2,500 stipend per semester

Learn more or apply at www.careers.foleyeq.com/thinkbig



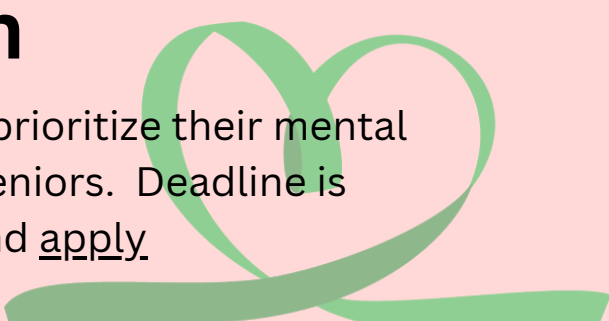
ES.AI/Weber Shandwick

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.



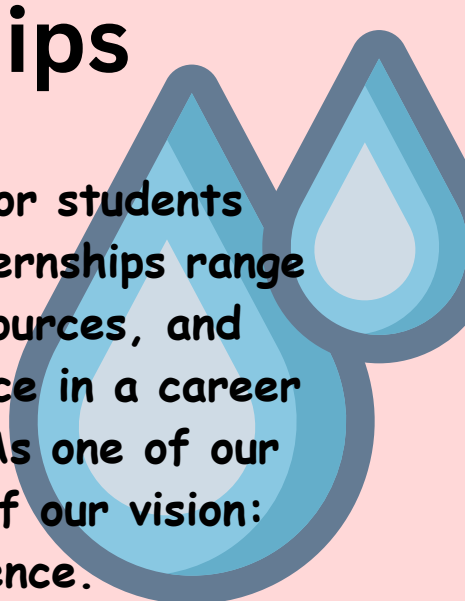
ADHDAdvisor.org Quarterly Mental Health Scholarship for Women

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](#).



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

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.

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.

Kansas Masonic Foundation Scholarship Program

The Kansas Masonic Foundation seeks to demonstrate both our personal commitment and the heartfelt desire of Kansas Masons and donors to help advance education for the common good and well-being of our society. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students who are pursuing opportunities for personal and professional growth via higher education.

Criteria for general scholarships: Must be a Kansas resident; Must be attending one of the eligible Kansas Universities; Acceptance letter from University/College or copy of current college transcript; Enrolled in 12 credit hours per semester; Demonstrate financial need. Apply online [here](#)

Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship Contest

The Delaware Cross (DX) SAR Chapter in Johnson County, KS is offering two cornerstone scholarship events, the Knight Essay and the Rumbaugh Oration. The Contests are open to home, public, religious, and private school students. Students do not need to be associated with a SAR member or be someone with a known Revolutionary War ancestor.

One can apply for one or both contests and often, the content developed for one can be used as the basis for the other. Contest details can be obtained from the National SAR (sar.org), Kansas SAR (ksssar.org) or DX (dxsar.org) Websites. Due date is December 31st.

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.

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.

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 for requirements and more information

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