

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

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**High School
Senior Year**

Timeline

**JANUARY
SENIOR
NEWSLETTER**

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.

Johnson County Community College FAFSA Night

Join us for this FREE event! JCCC's Financial Aid team will walk you through the new application features and everything needed to successfully file your FAFSA. Join them on February 15th or 21st from 6-8 pm at the Regnier Center for their free FAFSA Completion night. They'll provide one-on-one assistance for a simplified filing process.

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](#)

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

Fort Hays State Student Recognition Program

This program is for seniors that are looking to attend Fort Hays State! On January 28th at 1:30 pm we will be having our Student Recognition Program in Kansas City. Students will learn about the opportunities and unique programs available. Students that attend will be recognized for any FHSU scholarships they will be receiving, plus we will be giving away lots of amazing prizes including: \$5,000 tuition scholarship; \$1,000 tuition scholarship; \$700 book scholarship; Laptop computer. [Register](#) today!

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 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.

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

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 are due March 25

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.

Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Scholarships

The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Foundation has two scholarships available:

The Betty Charlton \$2,000 Scholarship was founded in memory of Betty Charlton, a former Chamber employee, to help students in Shawnee finance their education. We also have created a \$1,000 scholarship for students going into a trade, the SEDC Career Ready Scholarship. Applications, along with requirements can be found in the Counseling Office with Mrs. Sanders. Applications are due March 25th.

Live it Up's Community Health Ambasassdor Scholarship

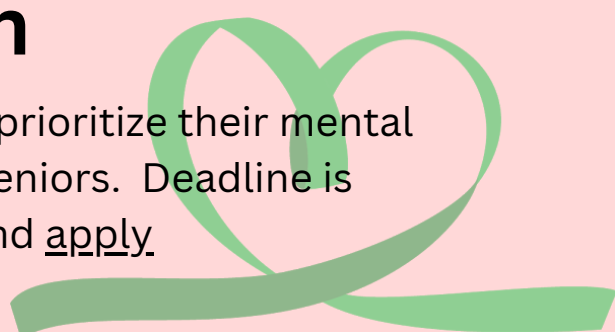
This \$1,000 scholarship is open to all high school seniors who plan to go into nursing.

Go to this [link](#) to apply by March 1st



ADHDAdvisor.org Quarterly Mental Health Scholarship for Women

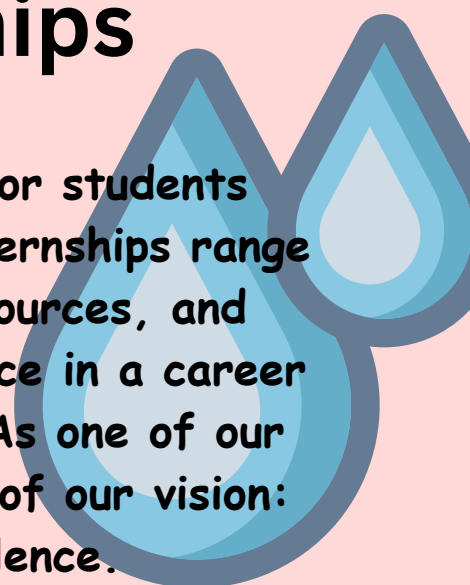
This \$500 scholarship is for women who prioritize their mental health and is open to all high school seniors. Deadline is February 1st. Learn more and [apply](#).



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

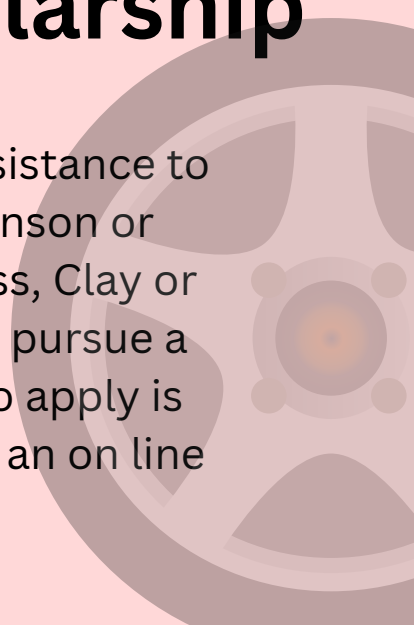
The Great KC Crime Stoppers/TIPS Hotline and the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association are sponsoring a scholarship contest for high school students in Missouri and Kansas. Two winners, one from each state, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Each student must submit a typed essay of 750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

Automobile Dealers Association of Greater Kansas City Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide assistance to students graduating from high schools in Johnson or Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Jackson, Cass, Clay or Platte counties in Missouri who are planning to pursue a degree in the automotive field. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2024. Please visit this website to fill out an on line [application](#)



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 on line [here](#)
Deadline March 15, 2024

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.