SENIOR NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2026

High School Senior Year Timeline

Senior timeline page link here

Requesting a Transcript?

All transcript requests can be made by emailing our Registrar, Deana Thom dthom@usd232.org

ALWAYS include the name of the college, the admissions email address, or the physical mailing address for admissions.

Please allow two weeks from your request for the college to receive your transcript and get it attached to your account with them.

During these five days, any Kansas resident can apply for free at any of our 7 public universities, 19 community colleges, 6 technical colleges and the 21 private member institutions of the Kansas Independent College Association.

CLICK HERE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

https://kansasregents.gov/students/apply-free-days

Scholarship Information

If you're going to college, your senior year of high school will be filled with a long to do list. You'll have to apply to college, sort through financial aid information and decide what school to attend - on top of finishing your high school education. In the midst of that chaos, applying for scholarships can get lost in the shuffle. However, while they may seem like an afterthought, scholarships are absolutely crucial if you want to reduce your college costs.

scholarships.com
KansasStateTreasurer.com
fastweb.com
supercollege.com

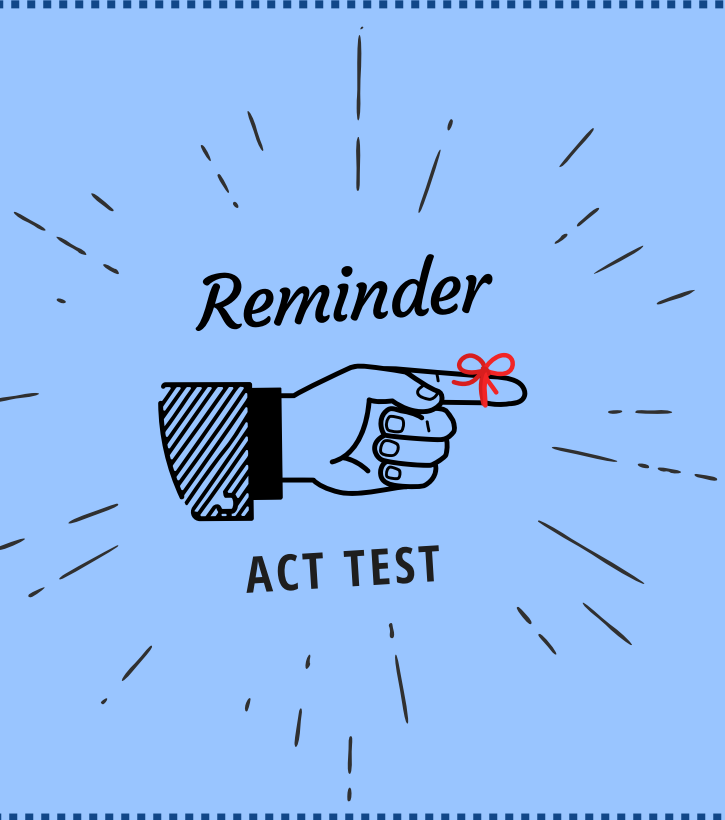
studentscholarships.org
wiredscholar.com
finaid.org
scholarshipguidance.com/newsletter

The 2027-28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is coming soon. It usually opens after October 1st.

CLASS OF 2027
SENIOR MEETING

Counselors will begin meeting individually with senior students starting in September. The senior meeting allows the counselor to finalize graduation credits, 2nd semester schedules, and decisions about post-secondary options including scholarship and financial aid information. Using their school email, students must complete an informational form at the link below. The counselors will then follow up with the student to schedule their senior meeting. (This meeting is meant for the senior student and the counselor.)

CLICK HERE To complete the form



On October 13, Seniors who have signed up will have the opportunity to take the ACT. The window to sign up for this exam is closed.

Free ACT Practice Test and Resources

Test your knowledge with free prep from the makers of the ACT test. Get your game on with the ACT practice quiz! Answer keys are provided at the end of the quiz. Go to their website to learn more.

ACT®

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarships

Each year, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards 150 college scholarships worth $20,000 to high school students across the United States. Students need a 3.0 GPA and to complete an online application to begin the four phase process. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 4 pm Eastern.

Click here to apply.

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Students may now apply for scholarships online by creating an account on their website. Applications are available for the following Scholarships:

- Kansas Comprehensive Grant
- Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship
- Kansas Hero's Scholarship
- Kansas Military Service Scholarship
- Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance
- Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship
- Kansas Promise Act Scholarship
- Kansas ROTC Service Scholarship
- Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship

Click or Scan to Apply

MV NEXT STEPS

SAVE THE DATES
October 1
October 8
October 22

TAKE THIS CHANCE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM 2 AND 4 YEAR COLLEGES, AS WELL AS CAREER, TRADE AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS YOUR NEXT STEPS.

OCTOBER 1st

United States Air Force
United States Army National Guard
United States Army ROTC
Grand Canyon University
Kansas State University
United States Marines
Pittsburg State University
University of Nebraska
Washburn University
US Military Academy West Point
Wichita State University
William Jewell College
University of Missouri

OCTOBER 8th

Baker University
Cleveland University
Donnelly College
Emporia State University
Graceland University
Great Jobs KC
Metropolitan Community College
University of Missouri - KC
University of Oklahoma
United States Air Force National Guard
United States Army
Z Hair Academy

OCTOBER 22nd

CRL
Garmin
Johnson County Community College
Lithko Contracting
MidAmerica Nazarene University
Newkirk Novak Construction
Savannah College of Art & Design
University of Saint Mary
University of Kansas
Bethany College
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Paul Mitchell The School
Park University
University of Kansas Health System

EXPLORE POST-GRAD OPTIONS

DURING SEMINAR

OPEN TO ALL GRADES

IN THE PAC!!

DREAM CAREERS DO EXIST. THEY BEGIN AND THRIVE AT GARMIN.
It's never too early to begin thinking about your future. At Garmin you can start your career — then take it to the next level. Whether you have a few more years of school or are close to graduation, you can become a crucial member of our Garmin team.

FROM GRADUATION TO GARMIN
Start your career right after high school. We have a variety of entry-level manufacturing, warehouse and product support positions that allow you to get started sooner than later. Our work study program allows you to gain hands-on experience during your senior year and find the role that fits your skills and interests. This includes customer service, technical troubleshooting, moving product for filling orders, assembling electronic components and units plus running boards for our aviation and auto OEM products.

LEARN THE TRADES
We're the place for hands-on careers. From aviation maintenance and installation, electronics repair, machine and facilities maintenance and more, we have opportunities that can help you expand your skills and gain experience — all at a place that values you and supports your passions.

COLLEGE FIRST, THEN GARMIN
If you're getting a four-year degree — we've got you covered. Our robust college internship program gives you a one-of-a-kind experience where you'll actually gain experience in your chosen field. You even get cool benefits such as paid time off, paid or supplemented housing, Garmin product discounts and more.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?
CAREERS.GARMIN.COM/EARLY-CAREERS

Questions? Contact our team at: hr.admin@garmin.com

College Fairs

NACAC National College Fair

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Hy-Vee Arena

1800 Genessee St.

Kansas City, MO 64102

For more information go to their website

Kansas City Christian College Fair

September 28, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Maranatha Christian Academy

7055 Silverheel St.

Shawnee, KS 66226

For more information go to their website

Transferology®

Free Resource for Students

Are you trying to research how college credit will transfer? Transferology.com is a free resource for students to help answer this question.

Kansas Scholarshop

The search engine is prowered by the profile you build. The more information you provide, the more success you will have. With access to thousands of scholarships, students can search and find scholarships tailored specifically to their deepest passions.
Check out their website.

KANSAS SCHOLARSHOP

Scholarships.com

2026 is here, and with it are countless scholarship opportunities for high school seniors of all kinds. Start the year off strong with Scholarships.com.

Area College Events

Crimson & Blue Day

Crimson & Blue Day is a campus wide open house event intended to give you a comprehensive view into all things KU. This all-in-one experience provides you with open access to KU's superior academic programs, student life opportunities, and student services resources.

Friday, October 16, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Be a BU Student Day

Experience a day in the life of a Baker Student! You will attend class, discover our campus and explore academic programs.

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Shocker Saturdays

Can't make it to campus on a weekday? Shocker Saturday is perfect for you! This event consists of an admissions presentation, a panel with current Wichita State students, a campus and housing tour, and a free t-shirt.

Saturday, Sept. 12, Oct. 10
Nov. 7, Dec. 5, and more

Sign Up Here!

Meet Mizzou Days

Meet Mizzou Days allow you to experience what your life will be like at Mizzou. The visit includes a Mizzou overview, campus tour and a complimentary lunch in an on-campus dining hall for all guests. Optional sessions after lunch include a departmental fair and academic information sessions.

Saturday, Sept 26 or Nov 14
Friday, October 2 or 9 or 23

Sign Up Here!

MC Open House

Join us to experience what makes McPherson College one of the best in the Midwest. When you come for an Open House visit you'll get to meet the team of professors, staff and student leaders who make it all happen. Each day includes: academic exploration, campus tour, clubs and orgs fair, classic car rides and tacos!

Saturday, Sept 12, Oct 24, Nov 21

Sign Up Here!

Rumble in the Jungle

This isn't your average campus visit. It's an all-day open-house packed with energy, future friends, and a first look at Gorilla Nation. Explore your academic interests (adademic fair), connect with faculty and staff and take an optional tour of campus facilities to see what makes Pitt State feel like home.

Satuday, November 7, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Black & Gold Visit

Get a look at what Emporia has to offer! You will receive an extended tour of the campus and residence halls and also receive information regarding admissions, financial aid and scholarship information.

Saturday, October 3, 2026
Game Day Visits
Saturday Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 7

Click Here for Info!

Powercat Preview Day

Powercat Preview provides a big picture preview of the K-State experience. You will meet with representatives from your academic area of interest, better understand K-State's admissions requirements, see residence hall spaces and get a glimpse into life as a Wildcat.

Friday, Oct 2 or 16, Nov 6

Sign Up Here!

Discover UMKC

Discover UMKC is designed for students beginning to explore UMKC. This event will provide you with access to academic unit representatives, current UMKC students, campus resources, and admissions information.

Friday, Oct 16 or Nov 20

Sign Up Here!

Missouri State Showcase

During Showcase, you are invited to meet the faculty who represent more than 170 academic majors and programs, learn about admission, financial aid and scholarships, take a campus tour and get the Missouri State story from our students.

Saturday, September 19

Sign Up Here!

Fort Hays State x Wichita State

Fort Hays State University and Wichita State University are excited to team up and host our first event collaboration! You can expect to hear from both universities and learn more about the admissions process, housing and residential life, finacial aid, scholarships and more! High School seniors who have submitted an application to attend Fort Hayes State or Wichita State in Fall 2027 are eligible for a $500 scholarship drawing!

Tuesday, September 15 or 22

Sign Up Here!

Area College Events

M.D. Program Discovery Day

Join us at the MD Program Discovery Day to learn more about the KU School of Medicine MD program. The event provides high school students who are interested in pursuing a career as a physician with information about preparation for medical school during high school and college, a presentation by a featured student about their path to medicine and ends with a tour of the campus.

Friday, November 13, 2026

Sign Up Here!

USM Discovery Days

University of Saint Mary Discovery Days are designed to help you explore all aspects of college life. Learn about student organizations at an activity fair. Meet faculty, coaches, and fine arts program directors. Tour campus. Attend a class and hear from a panel of students. Enjoy lunch in the dining hall. Learn about the admissions process, scholarships and financial aid.

Wednesday, September 23 or Monday, October 12

Sign Up Here!

JCCC Discovery Day - The Senior Takeover

What if you could spend a day as a college student before making your college decision? Now you can. Take over campus for the day and experience college beyond the typical campus tour. Explore programs and careers. Connect with faculty and students. Discover clubs and organizations. Get hands-on with interactive activities. Come curious. Explore your options. Lunch provided!

Wednesday, September 30

Sign Up Here!

College Events

Texas Tech Preview

Experience the energy of Texas Tech Preview, an unforgettable day that brings our bold spirit to life. Explore a vibrant campus full of opportunity, where innovation meets tradition and your future starts to take shape. From dynamic academic programs to a thriving student life, you'll discover just how much is possible here.

Monday, October 12, 2026

Sign Up Here!

University Days

University Days is your chance to explore the limitless opportunities available to you at The University of Alabama. Learn about life on campus, available majors and minors, academic and student support services, admissions, scholarships and much more.

Sept 21 or Oct 12 or Oct 16

Sign Up Here!

Razorback Reveal

During the fall semester, the University of Arkansas invites high school seniors to attend our open house for future Razorbacks. Faculty, staff and current students will share information and personal stories about the many opportunities available. You will also have the chance to tour campus and meet with representatives.

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Sign Up Here!

SEMO on the Road at Busch Stadium

Join admissions staff and other future Redhawks for great food, SEMO swag and conversations that can help you take the next step in your college search. You'll learn more about academics, scholarships, and campus life in a relaxed setting before settling in to watch the St. Louis Cardinals take on the San Francisco Giants!

Monday, September 14, 2026

Sign Up Here!

Big Red Experience

Get a closer look at all you can accomplish at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln! At Big Red Experience, you'll explore campus alongside a current student, enjoy a meal in a dining center, discover opportunities for student involvement and explore resouces designed to help you succeed. Plus, you'll dive deep into your career interests during dedicated academic sessions.

October 15, 2026

Sign Up Here!

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY ASSOCIATION

KANSAS CITY, MO

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Kansas City Art Institute
4415 Warwick Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, 64111, United States (map)

Event Time 11:00am-3:00pm CT

Undergraduate

ABOUT

Showcase your artistic evolution! Visit with counselors, admissions team members, and faculty from art and design schools for a portfolio review before applying to colleges or universities.

REGISTER HERE

USD 232 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Are you interested in earning school credit while gaining hands-on workplace experience in a career field that interests you? Get real world experience in a field of your choice. There are internships available in all fields such as business, healthcare, trades, education and more! This program is open to all seniors.

MVHS SCHOLARSHIP PAGE

Check out the MVHS Scholarship Page!
Click the link below for:

- **Scholarship Search Sites**
- **MV Next Steps Info**
- **College and Career Planning**

Action Scholarship

The Seven Days of Kindness Action Scholarship is open to all graduating seniors. This scholarship awards $1,000 to students who take action to spread kindness in their communities. Please click here for more information. The deadline to apply is January 8, 2027.

KLL Memorial Scholarship Fund

the kelly lynn lutz foundation

The KLL Memorial Foundation was established to provide scholarships and financial assistance for students and families suffering from cancer related illnesses. Students pursuing secondary education are eligible for up to a 4 year scholarship if they have lost a parent or caretaker to cancer. This is a $2,500 annual scholarship at the secondary school of your choice. The deadline to apply is January 10, 2027. Open only to students in the Kansas City Metro area. For more information go to KLLscholarshipfund.org/scholarship

RUDD FOUNDATION 2026 Scholarship

Application Requirements:

- Graduating high school senior who plans to enroll full-time in the fall
- Must have a cumulative, unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above
- Must have taken the ACT or SAT and submit the score to apply
- Must be a Kansas resident and qualify for in-state tuition
- Demonstrate financial need (Pell-eligible)
- Will attend either Emporia State, Fort Hays State, Kansas State, or Wichita State Universities
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident

Applications accepted October 1 - December 1, 2026

Click here for more information

College of Engineering

KIEWIT SCHOLARS

The application for the Kiewit Scholars Program is now open! It will close on November 15, 2026. This program offers four years of full tuition, a book stipend, one year of housing and a guaranteed internship at Kiewit to students interested in the building and construction industry pursuing the following majors: Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Nebraska. Apply today!!

KIEWIT Scholars

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP INVITATIONAL (DSI)

This fall Wichita State University will be offering high school seniors the chance to compete in the DSI. This DSI is one of the premier scholarship competitions in the country, awarding one $80,000 Richard D. Smith Scholarship, THREE $64,000 Harry Gore Memorial Scholarships one $40,000 Mike & Mary James Scholarship, one $34,000 Mark & Stacy Parkinson Scholarship and others to attend Wichita State in the fall of 2027. The DSI application is due by 11:59 pm on Sunday, November 8 and you must submit Wichita State admission application materials by November 1.

Look here for more information.