



2019 Scholarship Application Checklist

COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT/MATCH (9th graders)

1. Create an account at kcscholars.org – click “Apply Now”
2. Confirm your account via the email address you provided
3. Log into your account
4. Complete the Eligibility Requirement Check
 - Complete the FAFSA4caster to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to determine income eligibility. Refer to the FAFSA4caster guide located within the eligibility check for guidance.
 - To complete the FAFSA4caster go to: kcscholars.org/fafsa4caster

If you are eligible to apply, the list of tasks shown below will be generated. All tasks will be completed in the scholarship portal. You can complete tasks in any order. All tasks must be completed before you can submit your application.

- Complete the Applicant Form
- Complete the Essay Prompts
 - You will need to answer two prompts
 - **Essay Prompt #1:** Describe what you learned in the process of saving for something or watching someone else save for something and how will you apply what you learned when you are saving for college.
 - **Essay Prompt #2:** Why should you be selected to receive a College Savings Account?
 - Consider typing out your responses in a separate WORD document to give yourself time to review and the ability to save your response
- Send Request for Recommendation – the recommender will receive and complete an online form. Letters are not accepted.
 - Must be a teacher or counselor recommender that you knew in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade – give your recommender plenty of time to complete the recommendation
 - Email address and first and last name of recommender will need to be entered
 - The recommendation cannot be written by a family member, friend, classmate, or teammate
- Upload High School Transcript (must include grades from first semester of 9th grade)
 - Check with your high school counselor to find out the process for obtaining a digital copy of your transcript
- Sign Participation Agreement
 - If under the age of 18, you will need your parent/guardian to be with you when you sign the participation agreement so they can also sign it
- Submit*

***Once you have completed all tasks and your recommender has submitted their recommendation forms, you can then log into your account and submit your application. Only submitted applications will be considered.**

Deadline to apply is midnight on March 1, 2019

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