



HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE KC SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**APPLICATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2020
AND ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

Determine Eligibility

- Review eligibility requirements at kcscholars.org

To determine income eligibility:

- Complete the FAFSA4caster to see if you are eligible to apply based on income (will need 2018 tax return or W-2 for household)
- Complete the FAFSA4caster at <http://kcscholars.org/fafsa4caster/>
- For our complete guide on completing the FAFSA4caster, visit kcscholars.org/FAFSA4casterGuide

Identify Recommenders

- Recommenders should be someone who can speak to who you are, your skills, and accomplishments. Talk with your recommender NOW, before emailing them the **online form**.
- Recommenders must complete an **online form** once the student submits the request to them via the KC Scholars scholarship portal. Printed letters are **not** accepted. You can begin sending requests on January 1.

9th Grade (1 Recommender)

- Must be a teacher or counselor that you knew in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade

11th Grader (2 Recommenders)

- Recommender #1--must be a teacher or counselor
- Recommender #2--can be someone of your choice (teacher, coach, pastor, scout leader, work supervisor, youth director, etc.)

**Recommender cannot be a family member, friend, classmate, or teammate

Start Drafting Your Personal Statement

- KC Scholars requires that you complete a personal statement. The personal statement has two questions with a word count of 250 minimum; 750 maximum each. Write your personal statement early so that it can be edited and reviewed before submitting your application.

9th Grade Personal Statement

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.
2. Why should you be selected to receive a College Savings Account?

11th Grade Personal Statement

1. How will earning a college degree enable you to reach your personal and/or career goals?
2. Why should you be selected to receive a scholarship?

Start Your Application Beginning January 1!

- We encourage you to attend a KC Scholars Application Workshop in early January. Find out more at: kcscholars.org
- If you have questions, ASK! Contact us at info@kcscholars.org