



HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE KC SCHOLARS ADULT LEARNER 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 2020-2021 FAFSA at fafsa.gov to see if you are eligible to apply based on income (you will need 2018 tax return or W-2 forms)
- If you are not able to complete the FAFSA, you can complete the FAFSA4caster at kcscholars.org/FAFSA4caster

Identify Two Recommenders

- Recommenders can be an employer, counselor, community member, previous instructor, etc. (Your recommender **cannot** be a family member, friend, classmate, or teammate)
- 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**
- Beginning January 1, you will provide us with the name and email address of your recommenders. Recommenders must complete an **online form** once you submit the request to them via the KC Scholars scholarship portal. Printed letters are **not** accepted.

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.

Personal Statement Questions

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

Obtain Your Transcripts From Previous Institutions

- Reach out to your previous institutions to get copies of your **unofficial** transcripts
- Digital copies are best, but you can also scan or take a photo of a physical copy of the transcript

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