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

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