



HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE KC SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**APPLICATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2022
AND ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 25, 2022**



Determine Eligibility

- Review eligibility requirements at [kcscholars.org](https://www.kcscholars.org).

To determine income eligibility:

- Complete the Federal Student Aid Estimator to see if you are eligible to apply based on income (will need 2020 tax return or W-2 for household)
- To complete the Federal Student Aid Estimator and for the completion guide, visit [kcscholars.org/efc](https://www.kcscholars.org/efc)



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. What have you learned or observed in the past year that has impacted your desire to attend college and why you should be selected for this scholarship?
2. If you were to have a plan to save for college, what do you think would be some of the biggest challenges for you to meet your savings goals?

11th Grade Personal Statement

1. What have you learned or observed in the past year that has impacted your desire to attend college and why you should be selected for this scholarship?
2. KC Scholars has both an education and a workforce goal. We are aiming for 80% of our college graduates to stay in Kansas City to live, work, and contribute. After college, how do you plan to contribute to your community and/or the broader Kansas City region?



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](https://www.kcscholars.org)
- If you have questions, ASK! Contact us at info@kcscholars.org or 816.581.5700

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