



KICA-VALOR PARTNERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Since its creation in 1952, Kansas Independent College Association has sought to recognize students each academic year who demonstrate the commitment to excellence, virtue, and integrity, and who honor the myriad ways that students who attend KICA institutions receive an education that prepares them for a lifetime of success in their personal and professional lives.

KICA is excited to partner with the Valor Partners Foundation to provide VPF Dependent Educational Assistance scholarships to students who are spouses and dependents of U.S. military veterans.

Eligibility Criteria

Students must be selected by their institution to be considered. Any KICA member institution in good standing may nominate students.

There is no limit to the number of nominations an institution may submit. However, KICA reserves the right to ensure distribution of scholarships across member institutions prior to granting multiple awards to a single institution, provided sufficiently qualified nominees are submitted.

To be nominated for a KICA-Valor Partners Foundation Scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Nominees must be eligible to receive benefits under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 35, the "Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance" program.
2. Nominees must be enrolled at a KICA member institution and in good standing with that institution.
3. Nominees may be enrolled as a full-time OR part-time
4. Nominees must be a degree-seeking student in either undergraduate OR graduate degree program
5. Nominees must meet qualifications 1 through 4 above for the entire academic year to receive the full amount of the scholarship. Withdrawal or degree completion, loss of academic standing, or loss of Chapter 35 eligibility prior to the conclusion of the academic year may result in a requirement to repay a portion of the awarded amount.

Amounts & Allowable Expenditures & Renewals

KICA will award up to \$25,000 per year in scholarship funds to eligible students across KICA. The institution must match \$1 for \$1 the amount awarded by KICA.

Scholarship funds may be used toward meeting full financial need of recipients. Eligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- Tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Equipment & Supplies
- Housing
- Meal Plans
- Parking and/or Transportation

KICA-Valor Partners Foundation scholarship funds must be expended in the academic year in which they are awarded. Awards are not *automatically* renewable. However, recipients may be nominated again in subsequent years provided they continue to meet eligibility criteria.

Recipients will be announced in early May for the subsequent academic year, with funds to be disbursed after August 1 of the respective academic year.

Submission Process

Please submit nominations by Friday, April 11. All materials must be submitted by the institution (not the individual student) by emailing the attached form (one per nominee) to shelton@kscolleges.org.

**KANSAS INDEPENDENT COLLEGE ASSOCIATION
VALOR PARTNERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
NOMINATION FORM**

I. NOMINEE (STUDENT) INFORMATION

Name (First Last): _____

KICA Institution: _____

Student's School Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Student's Hometown Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Student's Preferred E-mail Address: _____

Degree Level:

☐ Associate's Degree

☐ Bachelor's Degree

☐ Graduate Degree

Major(s): _____

II. SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor Branch of Service: _____

Sponsor Rank/Grade: _____

Student Relationship to Sponsor: _____

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Student Financial Need: ☐ High ☐ Medium ☐ Low

Anticipated Uses of Funds (check all that apply):

☐ Tuition

☐ Fees

☐ Books, Supplies & Equipment

☐ Housing

☐ Meals

☐ Transportation Expenses

☐ Other (Describe): _____

Scholarship Amount Awarded: _____

Match (\$1 for \$1) Source/Description: _____

IV. PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Has the nominee previously received a KICA Valor Partners Foundation scholarship?

☐ Yes

☐ No

V. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to completing this application form, please submit the following:

1. A head shot photograph of the nominee.

No other materials are required or will be considered.

VI. CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE

By certifying and submitting this scholarship application, the nominee acknowledges that KICA has expressed permission to use sections of the application for educational and non-profit purposes on behalf of the Kansas Independent College Association, and the member institutions of KICA.

I certify that this application information is true, complete, and accurate and grant release according to the statement above.

Nominee's signature: _____

Name, signature, title, and e-mail of KICA institution official submitting this nomination:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

E-mail Address: _____