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House Higher Education Budget Committee Proponent Testimony on HB 2464

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Good afternoon, Chair Howe, and Members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2464.

This legislation would amend the State Scholarship Program, a program we administer on your behalf for students attending any public institution of higher education, either two-year college or four-year university, as well as the private nonprofit institutions in Kansas.

The Program currently provides for an annual maximum individual grant of \$1,000 to designated high school seniors or students currently enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution. Students are designated scholars based on completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum and an index number utilizing the ACT Composite Score and the cumulative high school GPA measured at the end of the seventh semester. The high school curriculum that is required for eligibility is attached to my testimony for reference.

State Scholarship recipients must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time and have submitted the federal student financial aid application and the state application. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 college GPA measured at the end of each spring semester to continue to receive the scholarship past the first year.

HB 2464 would increase the State Scholarship award from \$1,000 per year to a maximum of \$6,336 for FY 2025. The bill provides that the award must be the lesser of the actual cost of attendance in any year or 70% of the annual attendance cost (calculated as the average across the state universities and Washburn University).

The second attachment to my testimony shows the current year's tuition and fees converted from a semester basis (\$5,127) to an annual basis (\$10,254) and 70% of the

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average across the seven universities' rates (\$6,336) for Academic Year 2025. As the actual cost of attendance at Fort Hays State University in AY 2024 (\$5,634) is less than the system average, the maximum award at the university would be \$5,634. All the posted tuition and fee rates for the private institutions are higher than the public universities, so the maximum award for their institutions would be \$6,336 next year. Maximum awards would then increase in future years according to how tuition and required fees are increased.

With the larger scholarship award, HB 2464 would redefine financial need for the program to be the difference between a student's available financial resources and the student's total anticipated annual cost of attendance at an eligible institution. The bill would require a student's financial resources to be determined based on the federal methodology of need analysis. This provision could result in a lower state scholarship award, if a student has other aid, grants, or scholarships available.

HB 2464 would also update the definition of an eligible institution.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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Kansas Scholars Curriculum & State Scholar Quick Facts

Completion of the Kansas Scholars Curriculum is one of the requirements Kansas residents must meet in order to receive State Scholar designation. This occurs during the senior year of high school.

What are the other requirements to become a State Scholar?

- Students must have taken the ACT between April of the sophomore year and December of the senior year.
- Students must be a Kansas resident.
- Students must have their curriculum and 7th semester GPA certified on the official roster by the high school counselor, registrar, or similar official.

KANSAS SCHOLARS CURRICULUM

English - 4 years

One unit to be taken each year. Must include substantial recurrent practice in writing extensive and structured papers, extensive reading of significant literature, and significant experience in speaking and listening.

Mathematics - 4 years

Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and one unit of advanced mathematics-- suggested courses include: Analytic Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Functions or Calculus. Completion of Algebra I in 8th grade is acceptable; the student would then only need three years of math in high school.

Science - 3 years

One year each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, each of which include an average of one laboratory period a week. Applied/technical courses may not substitute for a unit of natural science credit.

Social Studies - 3 years

One unit of U.S. History; minimum of one-half unit of U.S. Government and minimum of one-half unit selected from: World History, World Geography or International Relations; and one unit selected from: Psychology, Economics, U.S. Government, U.S. History, Current Social Issues, Sociology, Anthropology, and Race and Ethnic Group Relations. Half unit courses may be combined to make this a whole unit.

World Language - 2 years

Two years of one language. Latin and Sign Language are accepted.

What is the benefit of completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum?

Students who complete this curriculum and meet the other requirements, may be designated as State Scholars, which makes one eligible to receive the Kansas State Scholarship as provided by the Kansas Legislature. The academic profile of recent scholars include an average ACT of 29 and an average GPA of 3.92. State Scholars may receive up to \$1,000 annually for up to four undergraduate years (five, if enrolled in a designated five-year program), based on financial need and the availability of State funds. Financial need is measured by federal methodology using data submitted on the FAFSA.

For more information, contact us at (785) 430-4300 or at scholars@ksbor.org.

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Tuition and Required Fees Comparison

Undergraduate Resident Tuition & Fees

Academic Year 2024

Public Universities

Institution	Tuition & Fees	2024	Annual
Emporia State University	Semester Tuition	\$2,771	
	Semester Fees	\$907	
	Total	\$3,678	\$7,356
Fort Hays State University	Semester Tuition	\$2,219	
	Semester Fees	\$598	
	Total	\$2,817	\$5,634
Kansas State University	Semester Tuition	\$4,982	
	Semester Fees	\$489	
	Total	\$5,471	\$10,942
Pittsburg State University	Semester Tuition	\$3,064	
	Semester Fees	\$1,014	
	Total	\$4,078	\$8,156
University of Kansas	Semester Tuition	\$5,298	
	Semester Fees	\$552	
	Total	\$5,850	\$11,700
Wichita State University	Semester Tuition	\$3,623	
	Semester Fees	\$1,038	
	Total	\$4,661	\$9,322
Washburn University	Semester Tuition	\$5,070	
	Semester Fees	\$57	
	Total	\$5,127	\$10,254
System Annual Average			\$9,052
70% of System Annual Average			\$6,336

Source: KBOR Comprehensive Fee Schedule