

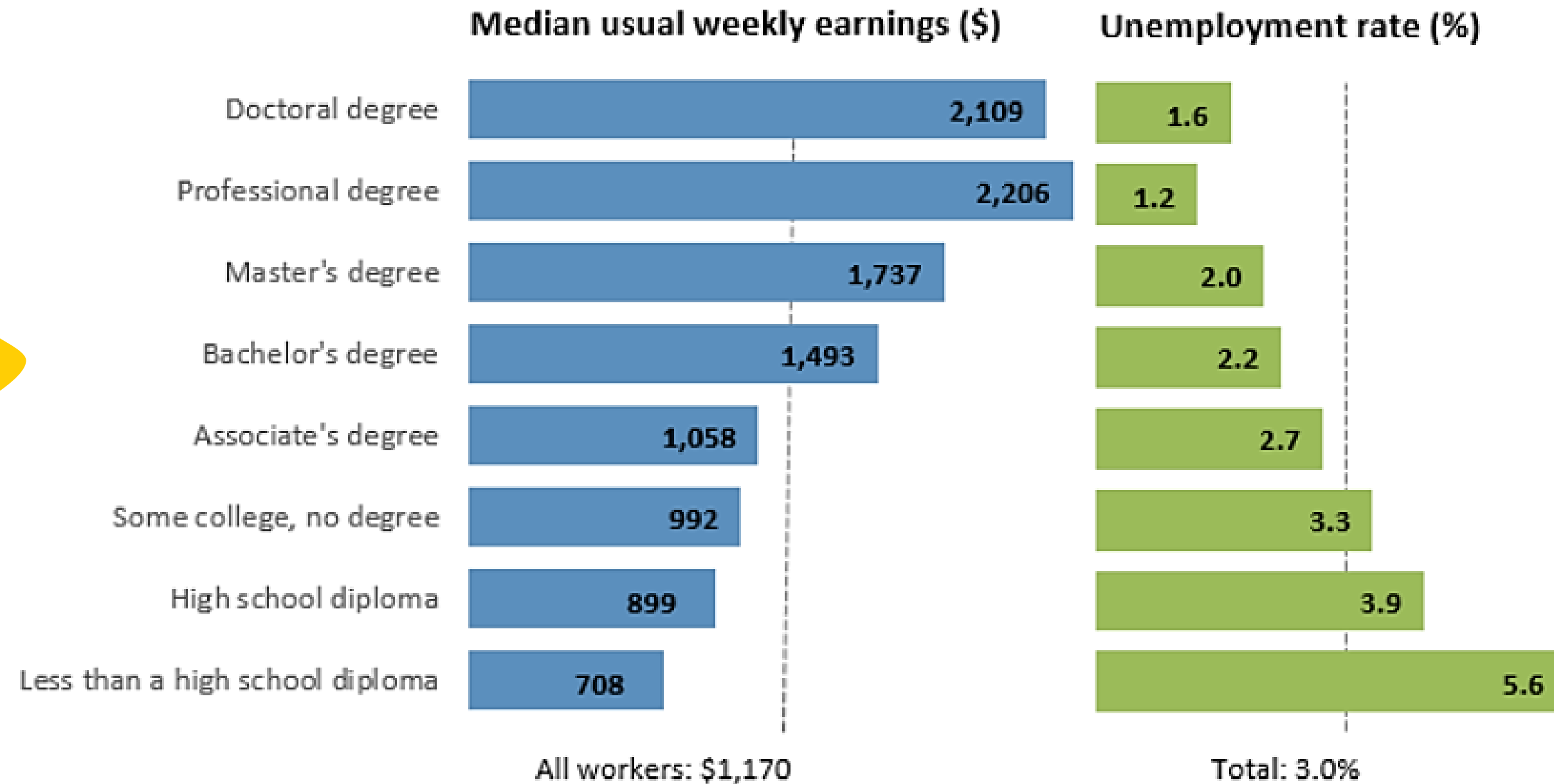


**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**Growing Gift Aid**



# Is college really worth it?

## Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2023



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.



# Is college really worth it?

## Ksdegreestats.org

- ❖ Interactive online tool to review cost and earnings data from real graduates for each undergraduate degree program offered at a public university or college in Kansas

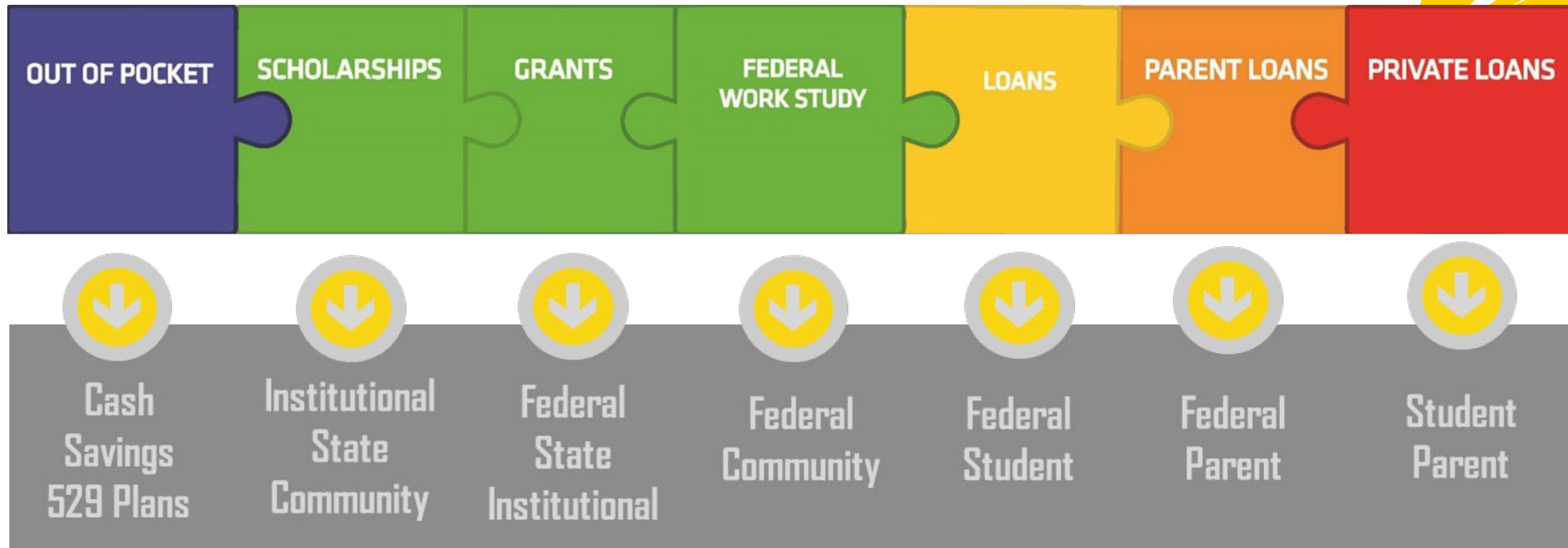


The screenshot shows the website's header with the Kansas Board of Regents logo (1925) and navigation links for SEARCH, ABOUT, and HOW TO USE THIS SITE. A search bar is present with dropdown menus for 'Choose an institution' (set to ALL) and 'Choose a degree title' (set to ALL), along with a 'Keyword search' input field and a 'Submit Search' button.

Below the search bar is a 'Search Results' section. It includes a 'Show 25 entries' dropdown and buttons for 'Copy', 'Excel', 'CSV', 'PDF', and 'Print'. A table displays search results with columns for 'Compare Up to 3', 'Institutions', 'Degree Title', 'Award', and 'Required Hours'.

Compare Up to 3	Institutions	Degree Title	Award	Required Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wichita State University	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Bachelor Degree - BAED	133
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Kansas	ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING	Bachelor Degree - BS	132
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kansas State University	MUSIC EDUCATION	Bachelor Degree - BME	132

# So how do they pay for it?



Approximately 85% of students receive financial aid to pay for college

# FAFSA ([studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov))

Available December 2024

- ❖ Pell Grants
- ❖ FSEOG Grants
- ❖ State Grants
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Work Study
- ❖ Student Loans

**Financial Aid is a SUPPLEMENT when a family's resources are not enough**





# How They Can Prepare

## ❖ **Have Them Build a Resume' that Includes:**

- **Education & Scholastic Achievements**
- **Life Experience, Training, Employment**
- **Honors, Awards, Memberships**
- **Leadership and Community Service**
- **Career Ambitions: Statement of Goals**
- **References and/or Reference Letters**





# How They Can Prepare

## Essays & Activities:

- ❖ **Self-Evaluation – What makes the student who they are**
- ❖ **Discuss an issue of importance**
- ❖ **Career goals - What, Why & How**
- ❖ **Highlight long-term commitments & leadership roles**
- ❖ **Divide & conquer**
  - **School activities and organizations**
  - **Community service**
  - **Work experience & time commitments**

# Where They Can Look

- ❖ **Schools they're interested in**
- ❖ **Kansas Board of Regents**
- ❖ **Local Organizations**
- ❖ **Employers: student's & parents'**
- ❖ **High School Counselor**
- ❖ **Web Searches**



# State of Kansas Financial Aid Programs

## Scholarships & Grants


- Kansas Comprehensive Grant
- Kansas State Scholarship
-  • Education Opportunity Scholarship
- Career Technical Workforce Grant
- Military Service Scholarship
-  • Computer Science Educator Scholarship
- Kansas Career Work Study

## Waivers

- Hero's Scholarship
- Wrongfully Convicted and Imprisoned Waiver
- Foster Child Educational Assistance Program

## Types of State Aid

## Service Scholarships

-  • Kansas Promise Act Scholarship
- Adult Learner Grant
- Teacher Service Scholarship
- Nursing Service Scholarship
- National Guard Educational Assistance Program
- ROTC Service Scholarship

## Graduate Programs

- Distinguished Scholarship
- James B. Pearson Fellowship
- Nurse Educator Service Scholarship
- Dental Educational Opportunities Program
- Optometry Service Scholarship
- Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship

# State of Kansas Financial Aid Programs

## Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship

- ❖ Need-based scholarship assists incoming freshmen who are First Generation College students or dependents of KS certified teachers (K-12)
- ❖ Available at publics, privates, community, and technical colleges
- ❖ Award: \$1,850/year; renewable for 4 consecutive years (undergrad only)
- ❖ Application Deadline: May 1
  - Must file FAFSA and state application

Must maintain 2.0 GPA and enroll full-time

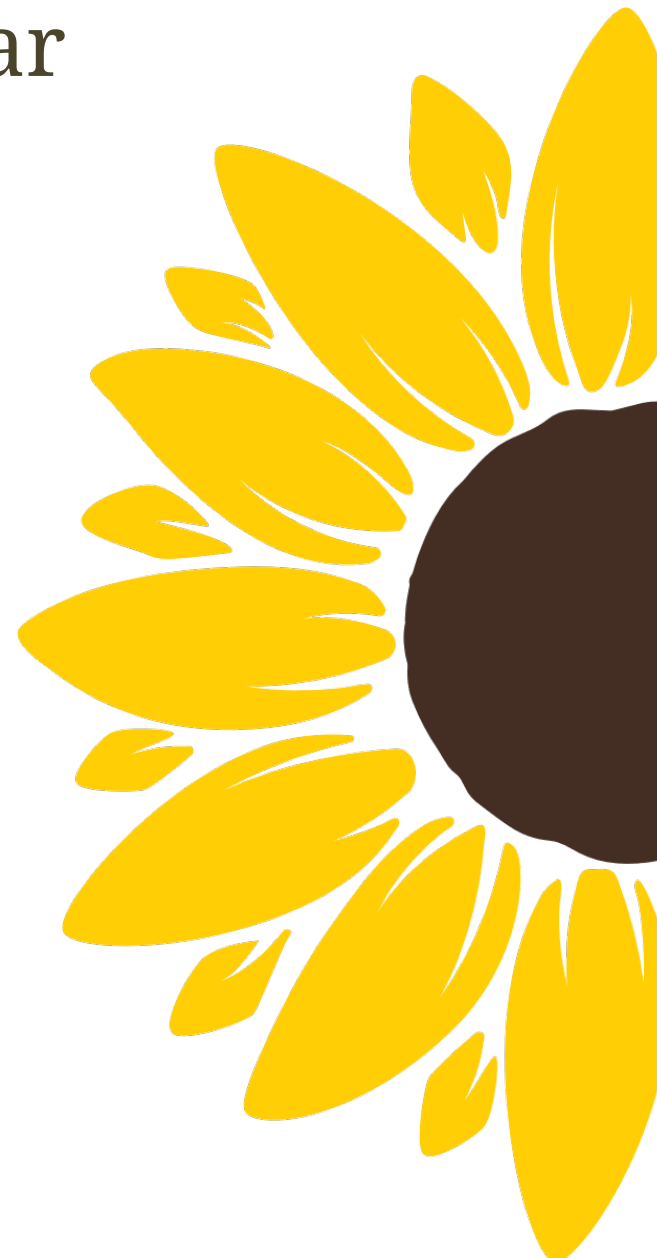


# State of Kansas Financial Aid Programs

## Kansas Promise Act Scholarship

- ❖ Assists with two-year degrees or certificate programs in certain high wage, critical need fields.
- ❖ Available at community colleges, technical colleges, and certain 4-year institutions that offer eligible 2-year programs
- ❖ Recipients must be Kansas residents and U.S. citizens

**ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS ARE LISTED AT:**  
**[kansasregents.org](https://kansasregents.org) >Students >Student Financial Aid**  
**>Promise Act Scholarship**



# State of Kansas Financial Aid Programs

## Kansas Promise Act Scholarship (cont.)

- ❖ Last dollar scholarship
  - calculated after other grant and scholarship aid is applied
  - covers tuition, required fees, and required books/supplies only (no housing, transportation costs)
- ❖ Maximum benefit up to \$20,000 or 68 hours, whichever occurs first
- ❖ To renew
  - must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress, enroll at least part-time, and complete the FAFSA each year
  - Scholarship will auto-renew until the college marks the student as graduated
- ❖ Must complete program within 36 months of first scholarship\*
- ❖ Must enter into an agreement to live and work in Kansas for 2 consecutive years after completion of program\*



**KS Promise will turn into a loan if program completion and service requirements are not met**

# State of Kansas Financial Aid Programs

## **Hero's Scholarship (tuition waiver)**

- ❖ Eligible dependents or spouses of deceased/disabled military personnel/public safety officers, or prisoners of war
- ❖ Waives tuition and required fees at any public college in Kansas
- ❖ Up to 10 semesters of undergraduate coursework
- ❖ Separate application with required documentation
  - deadlines listed on webpage





# General Web Search Safety Tips

- ❖ **Read everything before applying**
- ❖ **Search Better Business Bureau**
- ❖ **Check for additional requirements**
  - **Likes, links, & popularity**
  - **Protect intellectual property!**
  - **Fees, “Guaranteed” scholarships or “Free” seminars**

**If it sounds too good to be true  
it probably is**

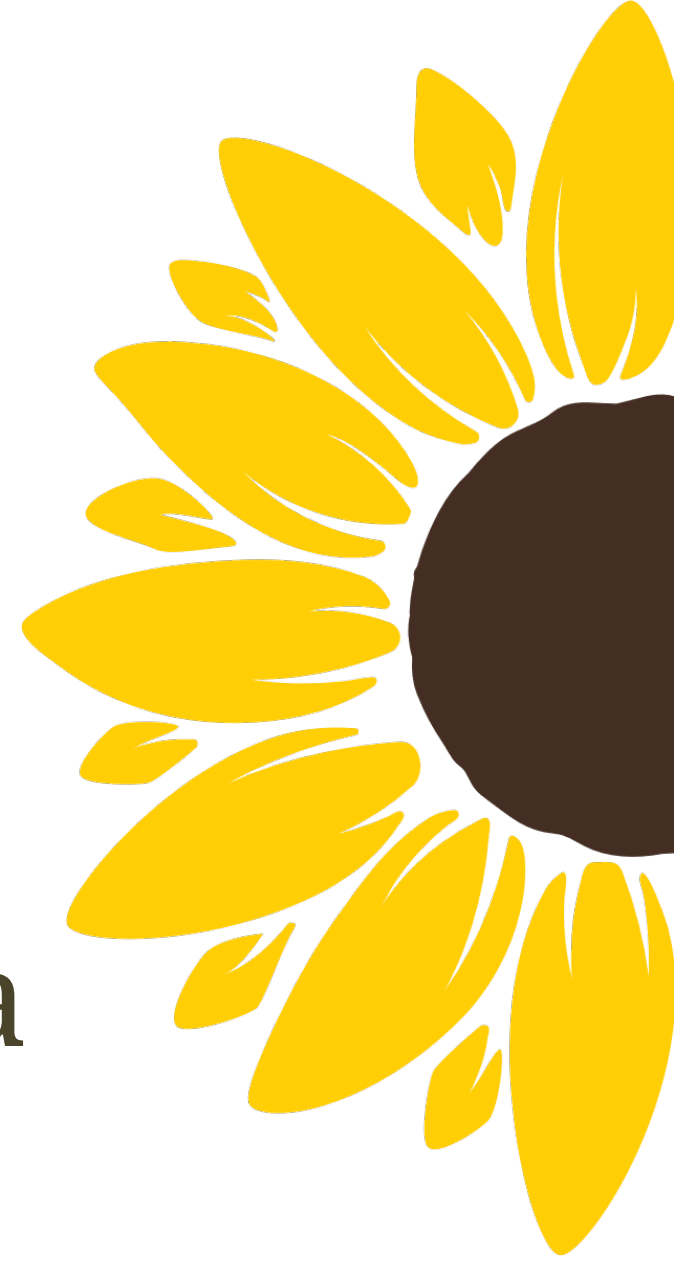




In 2021, about 68% of available jobs in the US required at least some college

By 2031, that percentage is forecast to reach 72%; 42% of those will require a bachelor's degree

WILL STUDENTS BE READY?



# Resources

[kasfaa.org](http://kasfaa.org)

[kansasregents.org](http://kansasregents.org)

[studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

[financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov](http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov)

[ncan.org](http://ncan.org)





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