



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the eligibility requirements to become a Kauffman Scholar?

Students who are interested in becoming Kauffman Scholars must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- Enter seventh grade in Fall 2009
- Live within the Kansas City, Missouri school district or Kansas City, Kansas USD #500 boundaries
- Attend a public or charter public school within the Kansas City, Missouri school district or Kansas City, Kansas USD #500 boundaries
- Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch Program
- Earn a C or above in all core subjects during the first semester of the sixth grade school year. Core subjects are Reading/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies
- No more than one out-of-school suspension during the first semester of the sixth grade year
- Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident (to receive scholarship assistance).

If my student transfers out of the district, will he/she still be a part of the program?

No, students must continue to attend school in the Kansas City, Kansas USD #500 or the Kansas City, Missouri school district to stay active in this program.

My student does not attend a Kansas City, Missouri public school, but attends one of the charter schools in Kansas City, Missouri. Is she still eligible to apply?

Yes, students attending charter schools within the Kansas City, Missouri school district boundaries are welcome to apply to become a Kauffman Scholar.

If my family isn't currently living in either the Kansas City, Missouri school district or Kansas City, Kansas USD #500, but I move into one of these districts before Fall 2009, can my child apply for the program?

No. Students who apply must be currently enrolled in a public or charter school within the Kansas City, Missouri school district or Kansas City, Kansas USD #500 boundaries.

Why do you use a diagnostic assessment as part of the applications process?

Students are required to have a diagnostic assessment because we need a consistent test score that tells us where each student performs in comparison to others on the same test. The two districts we work with (KCK USD #500 and KCMO) use different standardized tests, and therefore we do not have consistent information about how all of our students are doing.

How often will Kauffman Scholars be required to attend program activities?

Kauffman Scholars is a year-round program with various activities, depending on the Scholars' grade level. Kauffman Scholars are required to attend Academic Enrichment Academy twice a week during the school year, as well as other scheduled program activities. Scholars must attend at least 85% of program activities.

How often will parents be required to attend program activities?

Parent meetings are held on a regular basis. Parents are required to attend at least 85% of those meetings.

Is transportation provided for Kauffman Scholars after-school activities?

Yes, we provide transportation from your student's school to the Academic Enrichment Academy sites twice a week during the Scholar's 7th and

8th grade years. We ask that parents arrange for their student's transportation home from the program site. We have a program site in Kansas City, Kansas and in Kansas City, Missouri.

Can my student participate in extra-curricular activities, such as sports, band or drill team, and still be part of this program?

We will try to work around the extra-curricular activities that a student may be involved in, yet we will expect students to maintain good grades and attend the required Kauffman Scholars activities. We do not want to keep students from participating in their extra-curricular activities.

If my daughter and I want to attend a Kauffman Scholars Information Meeting at a location or time that is listed on the flyer for "Male Focus," will we be welcome?

Yes! All eligible sixth grade students and their parents or guardians are welcome at any Kauffman Scholars Information Meeting. The meetings labeled "Male Focus" are listed that way because information specifically addressing young men will be discussed at those events.

Do students have to provide proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status to become a Kauffman Scholar?

Under current law, KSI understands that it may only provide scholarship assistance to Scholars who present adequate documentation that they (1) are a US citizen, (2) have permanent resident status, or (3) have other legal status. KSI does not intend to require that documentation until the junior year of high school. However, proof of legal status may be required from those whose applications for Class 6 indicate that their status is one of these three categories if random selection is used to determine admission to the Program.