Over 50 scholarships and more than $100,000 awarded annually

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**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

There’s a scholarship waiting for you!

A scholarship may make all the difference in your life. It enables you to keep going to school and achieve your dreams of a degree and a career. Studies show that the greater your level of education, the greater your earning power. At Kent State Ashtabula, we are committed to working hard to remove part of the financial barrier to higher education so that you can concentrate on being successful.

Review the scholarship information on the following pages and online. Some scholarships go unawarded because no one applies! It’s easier than you think. You’ll find an application form in this packet to get started.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Complete application (page 7)
- Complete recommendation forms (pages 3-6)
  
  *Give recommendation forms to two selected individuals to complete and return to the address below or to return to you in a sealed envelope.*
- Write essay
- Submit all completed application materials:
  
  Kent State University at Ashtabula
  Student Services Office
  Attn: Scholarship Committee
  3300 Lake Road West
  Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

  OR return your packet in person to the Kent State Ashtabula Student Services Office located in Main Hall.

**FAFSA**

Be sure to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by March 31 to be considered for scholarships that require that you demonstrate financial need.

You can apply for financial aid by submitting the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov. The school code for Kent State University at Ashtabula is 003052. For more information please contact the financial aid office at 440-964-4217.

**ADMISSION TO KENT STATE**

If you have not already done so, please submit your application, $40 application fee, and all high school and college transcripts to the address below by the March 31 scholarship application deadline:

Office of Admissions
Kent State University at Ashtabula
3300 Lake Road West
Ashtabula, OH 44004

* You must be admitted to Kent State University at Ashtabula to be eligible for scholarship consideration.

For complete scholarship listings, including criteria and award information, as well as newly added scholarships, visit: www.kent.edu/ashtabula/aid
The essay is your opportunity to share why you are deserving of a scholarship(s). Explain to the committee what sets you apart from other applicants and describe what receiving a scholarship(s) would mean to you and how it would benefit you in your college career.

The opening of your essay is an opportunity to introduce yourself to the scholarship review committee. Include pertinent information about yourself, such as your field of study (majors and minors) and some background information about yourself.

The next paragraph is a great place to list your educational and career goals and aspirations – why are you attending Kent State University at Ashtabula, and what do you hope to get out of your time on campus and in classes? Detail your activities and achievements, in the community, at work and/or in school. Do you have any personal experiences that have shaped your goals and ambitions? Share the things about you that make you stand out.

This is an opportunity to share how scholarship(s) will have an impact on you, personally, and on achieving your educational and career goals. What challenges will this funding help you overcome?

Close out your essay with a brief conclusion and any additional information you feel would be supportive to your application.

HELPFUL TIPS

ESSAY WRITING

In addition to minimum requirement criteria such as GPA and enrolled credit hours, essays are heavily weighted in determining the award of any available scholarship. A well-written, carefully constructed essay can very well be the determining factor in awarding a scholarship. The following are some suggested tips for a successful scholarship application:

• Create an essay that is well thought out.
• Be sure that you specifically address what is being asked.
• Proofread before submitting – misspelled words, grammatical errors and improper punctuation may cost you the scholarship.
• Have someone else review your application - a second pair of eyes may find something you missed.

ASKING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations play an important role in determining how others view you. It is your responsibility to select the most appropriate individuals who will support and advocate for you. It is suggested that you select individuals you interact with often and who are familiar with your talents, successes and abilities. When approaching someone for a recommendation, always be respectful of their time and schedules.

• Be outgoing. Ask your teachers, counselors, coaches and community leaders. If they are familiar with you, they will be glad to assist you if given enough time.
• Provide them with the recommendation form filled out with your information. Also, supply them with details of awards, volunteering, outside community activities or pertinent information that they may not know, to provide a well-rounded perspective.
• Make sure they have plenty of time to formulate their thoughts and return the form. About two weeks before you want to submit your application should be sufficient.
• Follow up within a week prior to the deadline you established with them to see if they need additional information.

2 | View scholarship listings and criteria online at www.kent.edu/ashtabula/aid
SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION

• To the Applicant: Complete the top section and give this form to your evaluator.

Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________________________________________

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Signature _________________________________________________________________________ Date _______________________

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• Please select the option that best reflects your recommendation of this applicant:

___ Highly Recommend ___ Recommend ___ Recommend with Reservation ___ Do Not Recommend

Evaluator Name: ________________________________________________________________

Title/Position: ___________________________ Department: _________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

• How long have you known this applicant? ______________

• What is your relationship to the applicant? (Select all that apply)

☐ High School Teacher ☐ Principal ☐ Advisor ☐ College Professor/Instructor

☐ Guidance Counselor ☐ Coach ☐ Employer

☐ Other (Please explain: ________________________________)

✏ Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ________________
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Please attach any other requested documentation with the application (i.e., recommendation forms, essays, etc.).

*While every effort is made to provide accurate and current information, Kent State University at Ashtabula reserves the right to change, without notice, availability, number, award amount or criteria of any scholarship in this booklet.*

*Please list other scholarship awards you will be receiving:*

☐ I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship(s), I am required to attend the campus scholarship banquet in mid-October and/or record a video thank you to my scholarship donor(s) through the campus marketing department. Failure to do so will result in scholarship funds being rescinded.

**IMPORTANT:** Signature  
Date

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**  
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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This guide is produced by the Kent State University at Ashtabula Student Services Office to help you in your efforts to fund your education.

Deadline for all scholarship applications is March 31. Applicants must be accepted to Kent State University at Ashtabula to be considered for scholarships.

- **Review** the scholarships listed online.
- **Submit** all documents and materials by the deadline.

Your application allows you to apply and be eligible for multiple scholarships. Most of the scholarships can be applied for using the materials (application, recommendation forms, essay) found in this packet, however some require a separate application form. Details on how to obtain those forms are included in the scholarship criteria online.

If you have questions, contact the Kent State Ashtabula Student Services Office at 440-964-4217 or email Financial Aid at ashtabulafinancialaid@kent.edu.

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