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 the scholarships listed in this guide.

- **Review** the scholarships listed in this catalog.
- **Carefully read** the eligibility criteria for each one.
- **Choose** the scholarships that are right for you.
- **Submit** all documents and materials by the deadline

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

If you have questions, contact the Kent State Ashtabula Student Services Office at 440-964-4217 or visit [www.ashtabula.kent.edu/scholarships](http://www.ashtabula.kent.edu/scholarships).

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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 may concentrate on being successful. It is our goal on the Ashtabula Campus to continue to provide scholarship opportunities to students.

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete application (page 13)
- Complete recommendation forms (page 9-12)
  - Give recommendation forms to two selected individuals to complete and return to the address below or 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.

 FAFFSA
 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 440-964-4213.

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.
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| Dr. Shirley Barton Endowed Scholarship           | 3.0         |                      | Yes                        | Any Bachelor’s Degree Program                    | Completed a Kent State associate degree; demonstrated leadership on campus and in the community; application available at:  
|                                                  |             |                      |                                            | [www.sfa.kent.edu/downloadforms/Barton.pdf](http://www.sfa.kent.edu/downloadforms/Barton.pdf) |                                                                                           |
| Jay Sartini Memorial Scholarship Presented by AcBE | 3.0         |                      |                            | Business or Entrepreneurial degree               | Senior graduating from an Ashtabula Co. HS or second-year Kent State Ashtabula business student; one-page letter of request explaining why they believe they deserve the award, two (2) letters of recommendation; Student Aid Report; record of community services; submissions should be mailed to: Ashtabula County Business Exchange, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 554, Ashtabula, OH 44005-0554. Additional information at:  
|                                                  |             |                      |                                            | [www.ashtabulabusiness.com](http://www.ashtabulabusiness.com) |                                                                                           |
| University Hospitals Geneva Medical Center Foundation Scholarship |             |                      |                            | Nursing or Allied Health Programs                | Geneva High School graduate; Scholarship awarded directly to the student upon successful completion of first year of higher education studies; application available in the Kent State Ashtabula Student Services Office in Main Hall |                                                                                           |
| Ashtabula County Convention and Visitors Bureau Scholarship |             |                      |                            | Hospitality Management, Viticulture, or Enology | Application available at:  
Essays are a common requirement when applying for scholarships. The scholarship essay is your means of communicating your story, dreams and goals to the selection committee and allows the committee to get to know you and see your potential. The quality of your essay will be a determining factor for earning a scholarship award. Essays should be 1-2 double-spaced pages using 1" margins and 12-point font and should include the following:

- **Your name at the top of the page**
- **Your educational and career goals**
- **Activities and achievements in your community, at work, or in school (leadership, community service, student organizations, etc.)**
- **How a scholarship would help you meet your educational and career goals**
- **Any other information you would like the scholarship committee to consider such as obstacles you have overcome, qualities or skills that distinguish you from others, etc.**

Here, and on the following page, you will find essay samples and helpful writing tips.
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.
To the Applicant: Complete the top section and give this form to your evaluator.

Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________________________

Under the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are entitled to review their records, including letters of recommendation. It is your option to waive your right to access these recommendations or to decline to do so. Please mark the appropriate box below and sign your name. Check only one box. Failure to waive access will not affect the decision of the scholarship committee.

___ I waive my right to review this recommendation, which shall therefore be considered confidential
___ I do not waive my right to review this recommendation

Signature __________________________________________________________ Date ________________

To the Evaluator: Please complete both sides of this form and return to the address below or return to the applicant (must be in a sealed envelope). Recommendation forms are due by March 31.

Kent State University at Ashtabula
Student Services Office
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
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• Please share whatever you think is important for the scholarship committee to know about this student and explain why you believe he/she is deserving of a scholarship. We welcome information that will assist us to differentiate this student from others. Please attach a separate page if needed.

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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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Signature:  ___________________________________________  Date:  ______________
Please check all for which you are applying (apply only if you meet criteria):

- Andover Bank
- Ashtabula Class of 70
- Ashtabula Co. Teachers
- Ashtabula Rotary
- Blue Sky Therapy
- Chiaramonte
- Cooper Nursing
- Demshar
- East Ashtabula
- Farmer
- Fiedler
- Focus on Disabled
- Garcia
- Herbert
- Hospitality Management
- Humphrey
- Hurst
- Jaskela
- Knowlton
- Kover
- Kupper
- Larson
- LEADERship Legacy
- Lesser
- Maylish
- Nassief
- Nolan
- Premix
- Rad Tech Alumni
- Rich
- Rizzo-Noles
- Santill
- Scardino
- Vecchione
- Wentling
- Whitman
- Yesso

Kent State Identification Number

Last Name  First Name  MI

Address

City  State

ZIP

Phone No.  E-mail

High School Name  Graduation Date  GPA

College Major  Degree  College GPA

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:

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IMPORTANT: Signature

Date
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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.

What is an education worth?
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, an education is worth plenty.

“Full-time workers age 25 and over without a high school diploma had median weekly earnings of $492, compared with $666 for high school graduates (no college) and $1,187 for those holding at least a bachelor's degree.”


During the 2014-15 academic year, Kent State Ashtabula awarded over $200,000 dollars to eligible students