Kansas - Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Scholarship Handbook

Adventist Education

A JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

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ABOUT US

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship is to help parents and members of our constituent churches provide their children and youth with a Christ-centered, quality education in a Seventh-day Adventist school.

Purpose

The primary purpose of the Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship is to assist secondary students living in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference who wish to experience an Adventist education, gain that experience by attending a Seventh-day Adventist boarding academy.

The secondary purpose is to assist all Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools and metropolitan junior and senior academies in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference in providing Adventist education to families in their communities.

Commitment

The Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship is committed to Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist education in the Conference. This commitment extends beyond financial concerns. It encompasses all phases of the scholarship process including:

- Identifying boarding academy eligible students in our Conference.
- Contacting and encouraging students toward a Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist secondary education.
- Helping students connect with possible academies and the personnel of the academies.
- Assisting applicants with the scholarship application process.
- Encouraging students throughout their academy experience as opportunity offers.

Philosophy

The philosophy of the Kansas-Nebraska Secondary Education Scholarship is one of partnership. This partnership includes the student, the parents/guardians, the family, the school, the scholarship fund and often the church. The participation of every entity in the student's support system is essential in ensuring a successful educational outcome for the student. Because the Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship is based on the concept of partnership, the entire academy bill will never be completely funded with scholarship funds. As a partner, students attending a boarding academy are expected to do their part to help with school expenses. Students are also expected to become positively involved in the responsibilities and experiences of academy life.

The ultimate partnership is between the student and Jesus Christ. Developing a genuine relationship with Jesus spawns loving service, rather than self-centered ambition. Because scholarship students were assisted in gaining a Christ-based education, it is our prayer that they will – in partnership with Jesus – come to understand and incorporate into a lifestyle of loving service, their Savior's counsel that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Gift of Financial Assistance

The Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship is a gift. All scholarship funding is a gift from God. Much of the funding originates in the generous hearts and sacrificial giving of members throughout the Conference, who are committed to the education of the children and youth of this Conference. Those who contribute to the scholarship fund will most likely never know or even meet the recipients of their prayers and generosity. Through their ministry of giving, these constituents have intentionally chosen to invest in the treasure of our Conference – our children and youth.

The intention of the scholarship gift is to help the student recipients attain a Seventh-day Adventist education in an accepting and non-discriminatory Christian environment. It is the desire of the scholarship founders, personnel and all interested in the success of secondary education in our Conference, that our children and youth come to know Christ and joyfully follow Him. *That desire is the driving force of this scholarship program.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Secondary students living in small towns or rural areas of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, who wish to experience an Adventist education, may apply for a boarding academy scholarship.

Basic Information

Before applying for any Kansas-Nebraska scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must apply to a school owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

2. Applicants and/or families (custodial parent / legal guardian) of applicants must be attending members of a constituent church in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

3. Applicants must be boarding academy eligible.
   To be boarding academy eligible, applicants must live 35 miles or more from a Conference-operated junior or senior academy.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Available Scholarships

The Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists offers two secondary education scholarships.

- Basic Secondary Education Scholarship (hereafter referred to as *Basic Scholarship*)
- Financial Scholarship

All scholarships are granted according to availability. Families should never count on the same scholarship amount being awarded from one year to the next.

Basic Scholarship and Eligibility

Because the Kansas-Nebraska Conference no longer owns or operates a boarding academy, the Conference Executive Committee voted that every eligible student within our constituency wishing to attend a boarding academy will be awarded a Basic Scholarship.

1. All applicants applying for a Basic Scholarship will be awarded the same amount of scholarship monies.

2. The Basic Scholarship amount will be determined each year by the Conference Scholarship Committee.

3. Scholarship monies will be paid out over 10 months of the school year, or prorated if the applicant attends less than the full school year.

To be eligible for a Basic Scholarship, applicants must:

- Complete and submit a Basic Scholarship application each year the applicant wishes to attend a boarding academy.

Financial Scholarship

The Financial Scholarship offers boarding academy applicants the opportunity of applying for additional financial assistance beyond the assistance offered in the Basic Scholarship.

To be eligible for a Financial Scholarship, applicants must:

1. Complete and submit a Basic Scholarship application
2. Complete and submit a *FACTS* application

Please Note:
The Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship Committee requires that the tax information submitted to the FACTS company be the tax information filed in the same year in which the Kansas-Nebraska Financial Scholarship application is being submitted.

For example, if a student is applying for a Financial Scholarship for the school year beginning in the fall of 2016, the tax information sent to FACTS should be the information which was filed in the spring of 2016. (This would be the tax returns for the year 2015.)

(For further information regarding *FACTS*, please refer to the *FACTS* section on pages 12-14.)

PROCEDURES OF SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS

Payment of scholarship monies will be transacted monthly.

- The academy your student attends will bill the Kansas-Nebraska Conference monthly in equal payments for 10 months or a prorated amount if the applicant attends less than the full school year.

- After being invoiced, the KS-NE Conference will pay the school directly.

- Payment of scholarship monies is strictly a transaction between the school and the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. *At no time will scholarship monies be paid directly to the student (or family) recipient of the scholarship award.*

- If unforeseen circumstances cause a student to drop out of school during the school year, scholarship payments will be terminated immediately.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application Deadline

Yearly Application Deadline for
both Kansas-Nebraska Scholarships

JUNE 30

Early is Best
One of the most important things a family can do when applying for scholarship assistance is to submit the applications well before the due date – *early is best.*

FACTS
Questions & Answers

What Is FACTS?
FACTS is an acronym for *Financial Assessment for Christian Tuition Subsidy*. It is an independent assessment service which assesses the financial needs of applicants' families. The goal of the Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship program is to financially assist the families in the Conference. *FACTS* helps in this by providing information based on solid analysis of key financial factors.

Why is FACTS called an "application"? Will I be receiving scholarship monies from FACTS?
No, you will never receive a scholarship award from *FACTS.* Applicants are not applying to *FACTS* for scholarship funding assistance. When applicants submit a *FACTS* application, they are essentially "*applying*" to the *FACTS* company to have a financial assessment done for them.

Does FACTS require a fee for this service?
Yes. *FACTS* requires a nonrefundable $30 fee payable *to FACTS* at the time the application is submitted. (Do not send the $30 fee for FACTS to the Conference office).

Is there a choice of languages available?
Yes. Applicants may fill out the *FACTS* application in English or Spanish.

How do I apply online?

Apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com and follow the steps below:

Step 1: Select ***Applicant Sign In*.**

Step 2: New Users select ***Create an Account*.**
Returning Users enter their existing Username and Password.

Step 3: Submit the $30 fee online by credit card.

Step 4: After completing the online application, applicants should mail or fax all supporting documentation to the *FACTS* company.

Is there anything that will trip me up?
YES, there is one major item that is a possible snag for boarding academy eligible online applicants.

In Section 2, applicants are asked to give information for the school they will be attending in the fall. Boarding students *must enter a specified code. (DO NOT* enter the *actual school information of the academy you will be attending.)*

What is the specified code for boarding academy students?

In Section 2, regarding school information, *you must enter the following:*

For Zip Code:	Enter **66614**
For School:	Enter **KS-NE Conf**
For City:	Enter **Topeka**
For State:	Enter **KS**

Note: If online applicants enter an incorrect code, they will not be allowed to proceed through the application. The code must be correct to continue the application process. (This is the only section of the application requiring a specific code.)

If I have a sibling planning to attend the academy also, do we each need to fill out a FACTS application?

NO! *Please do not submit multiple applications. FACTS* will process one application per household – either a paper application or an online application. (The $30 fee will cover all applicants from the same household.)

What happens after I send in my FACTS application?

- Your *FACTS* application goes directly to the *FACTS* company located in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- After receiving your application and supporting documentation, the *FACTS* company enters the information into their system for analysis.
- After the analysis is completed, *FACTS* will electronically send the information directly to the Scholarship office at the Kansas-Nebraska Conference in Topeka.
- Applicants should allow four weeks for the *FACTS* application to be processed. *KS-NE Conference scholarship personnel recommend that applicants complete FACTS in ample time before the July 15 deadline. Whether applying by paper or online, June 10, 2013 is the suggested target date for submitting the FACTS application.*

Is my FACTS information confidential?

Yes. The Kansas-Nebraska Conference will not release *FACTS* information.

How can I reach FACTS?

Contact information for *FACTS* –

Address: Grant & Aid Assessment
PO Box 82524
Lincoln, NE 68501-2524

Phone: 866-315-9262

Fax: 866-315-9264

Website: www.factstuitionaid.com

SCHOLARSHIP EXPECTATIONS

The Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship program carries specific responsibilities and expectations for all participants. These expectations are discussed below.

Attendance Grades

- The one grade that receives the highest priority in the quarterly review is the attendance grade. Academic grades are important, but the evaluating committee considers the attendance grade as the most important. Students are expected to attend class – every class, every day.

Academic Grades

- Scholarship participants are expected to maintain passing academic grades.

Citizenship Grades

- Scholarship participants are expected to remain in good standing socially.

Student Employment

- Meeting work assignments responsibly is a crucial factor in the scholarship program.

- The school will establish the number of student work hours per week/month and the estimated student earnings for the year.

- Students are expected to work the full amount of hours assigned to gain the full amount of student earnings per year.

- Student earnings are to be applied to the school bill.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Parents / guardians are expected to abide by the financial plan crafted at the time of enrollment.

Quarterly Evaluations

Every quarter the Kansas-Nebraska Scholarship Committee will review student attendance, academic progress, citizenship reports and monitor employment and account status reports.

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