

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2023

HOUSE BILL No. 2464

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning higher education; relating to state scholarships;
2 increasing the dollar amount of state scholarships for students who
3 have established financial need; amending K.S.A. 74-32,233 and 74-
4 32,235 and repealing the existing sections.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-32,233 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 74-32,233. As used in ~~this act~~ K.S.A. 74-32,233 through 74-32,239, and
9 *amendments thereto:*

10 (a) "State scholarship" means an award under ~~this act~~ K.S.A. 74-
11 32,233 through 74-32,239, and *amendments thereto*, by ~~this~~ the state to a
12 state scholar who has established financial need.

13 (b) "State scholar" means a full-time, in-state student who has
14 exhibited scholastic ability and who is initially acceptable for entering an
15 eligible institution or who has so entered and is in good standing and
16 making satisfactory progress.

17 (c) "Full-time, in-state student" means a person who is a resident of
18 Kansas and who is enrolled at an eligible institution in an educational
19 program for at least 12 hours each semester or the equivalent thereof; or
20 who is regularly enrolled at an eligible institution in a vocational or
21 technical education program. The board of regents shall determine the
22 number of hours for terms or program periods other than semesters to
23 constitute the equivalent of 12 hours.

24 (d) "Financial need" means the difference between ~~the available~~
25 ~~financial resources of a student and such student's total anticipated~~
26 ~~expenses to attend an eligible institution. A student's financial resources~~
27 ~~shall include (1) four hundred and fifty dollars each year from the student's~~
28 ~~own work and resources, and (2) a contribution from the income and assets~~
29 ~~of the student's parents, if sufficient, as determined by a completed~~
30 ~~financial needs analysis statement and based upon the accepted criteria of~~
31 ~~a nationally recognized financial needs analysis agency. Financial need~~
32 ~~shall be redetermined annually a student's available financial resources~~
33 ~~and such student's total anticipated annual attendance cost at an eligible~~
34 ~~institution. A student's financial resources shall be determined based on~~
35 ~~criteria provided under the federal methodology of need analysis.~~

36 (e) "Eligible institution" means ~~an institution of~~ a postsecondary

1 ~~education which educational institution as defined in K.S.A. 74 - 3201b,~~
2 ~~and amendments thereto, or a not - for - profit independent institution of~~
3 ~~higher education that is accredited by the north central association of~~
4 ~~colleges and secondary schools accrediting agency based on its~~
5 ~~requirements as of April 1, 1985, or by the higher learning commission of~~
6 ~~the north central association of colleges and schools based on its~~
7 ~~requirements as of January 1, 2006, is operated independently and not~~
8 ~~controlled or administered by the state or any agency or subdivision~~
9 ~~thereof, maintains open enrollment, and the main campus or principal~~
10 ~~place of operation of which is located in Kansas, and which qualifies as an~~
11 ~~eligible institution for the federal guaranteed-loan program under the~~
12 ~~higher education act of 1965 (P.L. 89-329), as amended~~ **postsecondary**
13 **education with its main campus or principal place of operation in**
14 **Kansas, is operated independently and not controlled or administered**
15 **by any state agency or subdivision of the state, maintains open**
16 **enrollment and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting**
17 **agency for higher education in the United States.**

18 (f) "Open enrollment" means the policy of an *eligible* institution ~~of~~
19 ~~postsecondary education~~ which provides the opportunity of enrollment for
20 any student who meets its academic and other reasonable enrollment
21 requirements, without regard for race, gender, religion, creed or national
22 origin.

23 (g) "Board of regents" means the state board of regents provided for
24 in the constitution of this state and described in article 32 of chapter 74 of
25 Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*.

26 (h) "Term" means one of two or more divisions of an academic year
27 of an *eligible* institution ~~of postsecondary education~~ in which substantially
28 all courses begin and end at substantially the same time and during which
29 instruction is regularly given to students.

30 (i) "Semester" means one of two principal terms, when there are only
31 two principal terms in the academic year, whether or not there are other
32 shorter terms during the same academic year.

33 (j) "Program period" means the duration of the period of time, or any
34 division thereof, required for completion of a vocational or technical
35 education program which is given in an *eligible* institution ~~of~~
36 ~~postsecondary education~~.

37 (k) "*State educational institution*" means the same as defined in
38 K.S.A. 76-711, *and amendments thereto*.

39 (l) "*Annual attendance cost*" means the average cost of in-state
40 tuition and required fees for 30 credit hours of undergraduate instruction
41 across each state educational institution and Washburn university of
42 Topeka.

43 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-32,235 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-

1 32,235. (a) The amount of a state scholarship awarded to a state scholar for
2 the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent thereof, shall be the amount
3 of the state scholar's financial need for the period, except that state
4 scholarships awarded to a state scholar in any year shall not exceed:

5 ~~(1) Five hundred dollars in any year if the state scholar initially is or~~
6 ~~was awarded a state scholarship for any program period, term or semester~~
7 ~~commencing prior to July 1, 1985; and~~

8 ~~(2) one thousand dollars in any year if the state scholar initially is~~
9 ~~awarded a state scholarship for any program period, term or semester~~
10 ~~commencing after July 1, 1985 the lesser of the actual cost of attendance~~
11 ~~in any year or 70% of the annual attendance cost if the state scholar is~~
12 ~~awarded a state scholarship for any program period, term or semester~~
13 ~~commencing after July 1, 2023.~~

14 (b) When state scholarships are awarded to a state scholar for any
15 program period or for one or more terms that are not semesters, the board
16 of regents shall determine the equivalent of the fall and spring semesters.

17 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-32,233 and 74-32,235 are hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
19 publication in the statute book.