



## KSBA First Degree (College) Scholarship Program

The First Degree College Scholarship program funds scholarships for eligible Kentucky high school seniors to attend any two- or four-year accredited college or university. Scholarships are awarded to students who intend to be the first in their immediate families to complete postsecondary degrees.

Selected students are traditionally presented with their awards by KSBA at its Annual Conference which will be held March 1-3, 2024. Currently, four students are awarded with the First Degree Scholarship each year. One scholarship each will be awarded to two male and two female students. KSBA will pay these \$2,500 non-renewable scholarships directly to students' college or university upon receipt of letter of college acceptance.

Any board of education in Kentucky may place in nomination the names of up to two eligible students per public school district – one male, one female. The process for how the superintendent and board select/approve their nominee(s) is entirely at the district's discretion. **The simple online nomination form, to be submitted by the nominee's guidance counselor, must be completed in its entirety and received by KSBA no later than Nov. 30, 2023.** As part of the nomination, eligibility must be affirmed by the high school guidance counselor. Please review the following eligibility requirements and timeline.

[Click here to access the online nomination form.](#)

Following the nomination deadline, scholarship recipients will be drawn at random from the pool of eligible nominees, conducted by the KSBA Board of Directors in correlation with its December meeting.

### Eligibility

For consideration of a scholarship, the nominee must (1) be a high school senior intending to enroll at a two- or four-year college/university, (2) come from an immediate family in which no parents, guardians or siblings have earned a college degree, and (3) have obtained an ACT reading score of at least 20.

<b>Award Timetable:</b>	
<b>Nomination deadline:</b>	<b>Nov. 30, 2023</b> ( <a href="https://ksbaef.wordpress.com/studentaid/">https://ksbaef.wordpress.com/studentaid/</a> )
<b>Scholarship drawing:</b>	On or around <u>Dec. 9, 2023</u> conducted by the KSBA Board of Directors
<b>Selectees notified:</b>	On or around <u>Dec. 20, 2023</u> by KSBA president
<b>Selectees' acceptance:</b>	<u>Jan. 12, 2024</u> to KSBA
<b>Presentation:</b>	<u>March 2, 2024</u> during KSBA's Annual Conference luncheon (Louisville)

By June 1, 2024, scholarship recipients must provide college letter of acceptance to KSBA by mail or email before scholarship money can be disbursed. KSBA will send checks to colleges/universities by Aug. 2, 2024.

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