

SENATE BILL No. 340

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning higher education; relating to the Kansas promise
2 scholarship program; responsibilities of the state board of regents and
3 postsecondary educational institutions; authorizing designation of
4 additional eligible programs and fields of study; amending K.S.A. 2021
5 Supp. 74-32,271, 74-32,272, 74-32,273, 74-32,274, 74-32,275 and 74-
6 32,276 and repealing the existing sections.

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

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,271 is hereby amended to read as
10 follows: 74-32,271. (a) K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,271 et seq., and
11 amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas
12 promise scholarship act.

13 (b) As used in the Kansas promise scholarship act:

14 (1) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means:

15 (A) Any community college or technical college established under
16 the laws of this state *and with a recognized service area*;

17 (B) the Washburn institute of technology; or

18 (C) any not-for-profit institution of postsecondary education with its
19 main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas that offers a
20 promise eligible program, is operated independently and not controlled or
21 administered by any state agency or subdivision of the state, maintains
22 open enrollment and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting
23 agency for higher education in the United States.

24 (2) "Military servicemember" means the same as defined in K.S.A.
25 2021 Supp. 48-3406, and amendments thereto.

26 (3) "Part-time student" means a student who is enrolled for six credit
27 hours or more in ~~a~~ *the fall, summer or spring* semester and is not enrolled
28 as a full-time student.

29 (4) "Promise eligible program" means any two-year associate degree
30 program or career and technical education certificate or stand-alone
31 program offered by an eligible postsecondary educational institution that is
32 identified as a "promise eligible program" by the state board of regents
33 pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,272, and amendments thereto, or
34 ~~designated~~ as a "promise eligible program" *within a field of study*
35 *designated* by an eligible postsecondary educational institution pursuant to
36 K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,273, and amendments thereto.

1 that corresponds to a high wage, high demand or critical need occupation
2 to replace the existing designated promise eligible ~~program~~ *field of study*.
3 Any newly designated ~~program~~ *field of study* shall be subject to the
4 requirements of this section.

5 *(c) Programs designated by eligible institutions prior to the effective*
6 *date of this act shall be maintained until all students currently enrolled in*
7 *such programs have exhausted their promise scholarship eligibility.*

8 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,274 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 74-32,274. (a) (1) *(A)* Subject to appropriations, the amount of a
10 Kansas promise scholarship for a student for each ~~semester~~ *academic year*
11 shall be the aggregate amount of tuition, required fees and the cost of
12 books and required materials for the promise eligible program at the
13 eligible postsecondary educational institution for the academic year in
14 which the student is enrolled and receiving the scholarship minus the
15 aggregate amount of all other aid awarded to such student for such
16 ~~semester. Aid includes any grant, scholarship or financial assistance~~
17 ~~awards that do not require repayment~~ *academic year*.

18 ~~(2)(B)~~ If a student is enrolled in a promise eligible program offered
19 by a ~~four-year~~ *an eligible private* postsecondary educational institution
20 *described in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(1)(C), and amendments*
21 *thereto*, the aggregate amount of tuition, mandatory fees and the cost of
22 books and materials for such program shall be the average cost of tuition,
23 mandatory fees and the cost of books and materials for such promise
24 eligible program when offered by an eligible public postsecondary
25 educational institution ~~that is not a four-year institution described in~~
26 *K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(1)(A) or (B), and amendments thereto.*

27 *(2) As used in this subsection, "aid" includes any grant, scholarship*
28 *or financial assistance awards that do not require repayment. "Aid" does*
29 *not include financial educational benefits provided through the*
30 *servicemen's readjustment act of 1944 or any family postsecondary*
31 *savings account or other qualified tuition program established pursuant to*
32 *section 529 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.*

33 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, Kansas promise
34 scholarships shall only be awarded to an eligible student whose family
35 household income equals \$100,000 or less for a family of *one or two*,
36 \$150,000 or less for a family of three and, for household sizes above three,
37 a household income that is equal to or less than the family of three amount
38 plus \$4,800 for each additional family member. ~~If scholarship moneys~~
39 ~~remain in the Kansas promise scholarship program fund during the award~~
40 ~~year after awarding all other scholarships pursuant to this section, Kansas~~
41 ~~promise scholarships may be awarded to eligible students whose family~~
42 ~~household income exceeds such amounts.~~

43 *(c) (1) Kansas promise scholarship awards shall be used only to pay*

1 for up to a total of 68 credit hours over the lifetime of the student who
2 received the Kansas promise scholarship award regardless of the eligible
3 postsecondary educational institution such student attended.

or a total of \$20,000 in Kansas promise scholarship awards,
whichever occurs first,

4 (2) Kansas promise scholarship awards shall not be used to fund:

5 (A) Prerequisite classes required for a promise eligible program
6 unless such classes are a designated course within the eligible program;
7 or

8 (B) any remedial course, as defined in K.S.A. 76-7,151, and
9 amendments thereto, unless such course is offered in a corequisite format.

10 (d) For fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the appropriation made for the
11 Kansas promise scholarship program shall not exceed \$10,000,000. For
12 fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, the appropriation shall not
13 exceed 150% of the amount disbursed in promise scholarships for the
14 immediately preceding fiscal year.

15 (e) The state board of regents shall disburse funds based on
16 reimbursement requests from eligible postsecondary educational
17 institutions. Reimbursement requests shall be based on the actual amount
18 of Kansas promise scholarship amounts awarded by an eligible
19 postsecondary educational institution for the appropriate academic
20 period. Any eligible postsecondary educational institution seeking
21 reimbursement shall submit a reimbursement request to the state board of
22 regents on or before September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1 of
23 each year. The state board of regents shall disburse the appropriate
24 amount of funds to eligible postsecondary educational institutions on
25 September 15, December 15, March 15 and June 15 each year.

26 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-32,275 is hereby amended to read as
27 follows: 74-32,275. (a) To be eligible for a Kansas promise scholarship, a
28 student shall:

29 (1) Be a United States citizen;

30 (2) be a Kansas resident;

31 ~~(2)~~(3) (A) have graduated from an accredited Kansas public or private
32 secondary school within the preceding 12 months;

33 (B) have completed the requirements for graduation at a non-
34 accredited private secondary school as provided in K.S.A. 72-4345, and
35 amendments thereto, within the preceding 12 months;

36 (C) attended an accredited Kansas public or private secondary school
37 or non-accredited private school as provided in K.S.A. 72-4345, and
38 amendments thereto, and obtained a high school equivalency certificate
39 within the preceding 12 months;

40 (D) ~~be 21 years of age or older and,~~ upon application for a
41 scholarship, have been a resident of Kansas for three or more consecutive
42 years as evidenced by the date of issuance on a Kansas-issued
43 identification card or through Kansas voter registration records or Kansas