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**KSBA EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION** INC

Ronnie Holmes,
KSBA President

David Turner,
Foundation Chair

TO: Kentucky School Board Members
Kentucky School Superintendents

FM: David Turner, KSBA Educational Foundation Chair
Ronnie Holmes, KSBA President
Kerri Schelling, KSBA Executive Director

DATE: September 10, 2020

RE: 2020-2021 KSBA First Degree Scholarship Program

For the tenth consecutive year, the board of directors of the Kentucky School Boards Association will fund \$2,500 scholarships for eligible Kentucky high school seniors to attend any two- or four-year accredited college or university. Thanks to generous support of fundraising efforts throughout the year, we are pleased to announce that a total of four scholarships will be awarded for 2021! Two scholarships each will be awarded to male and female students. These nonrenewable scholarships will be paid directly to the institution of higher education upon the recipients' official admission acceptances.

Eligible students are those who would be the first members of their immediate families (parents, guardians, siblings) to receive a degree from an institution of higher education. Eligibility must be affirmed and signed by the high school guidance counselor and the school district's board chairperson and superintendent. Please review the enclosed eligibility and timetable requirements.

The one-page application must be completed in its entirety, signed by the guidance counselor, board chairperson and superintendent, and must be received by KSBA no later than close of business on Monday, October 26, 2020. Any board of education in Kentucky may place in nomination the names of up to two students per public school district – one male, one female – with a minimum ACT reading score of 20. KSBA will accept receipt of the first two eligible application forms per school district (additional applications will be disqualified). The scholarships will be awarded based on a drawing conducted by the KSBA Board of Directors in December.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Pritchett at beth.pritchett@ksba.org or Kerri Schelling at kerri.schelling@ksba.org

Enclosure

KSBA First Degree Scholarship Program

- Two male, two female seniors
- \$2,500 each, good to any two-year, four-year college or university, in state or out
- Non-renewable
- Nominations of one male and/or one female students per public school district, selected by the school board.

Eligibility

Nominees must be:

- 1) A high school senior intending to go to college
- 2) From an immediate family (parents, guardians, siblings) who has not earned a college degree
- 3) Have obtained an ACT reading score of at least 20 as a junior or senior

The one-page application with ACT reading score, age, address and verification that there is no college graduate among immediate family **must be signed by guidance counselor, board chairman and superintendent.**

KSBA will pay the scholarship directly to students' colleges of enrollment upon receipt of letter of college acceptance.

Timetable:

Application deadline:	<u>October 26, 2020 (received by KSBA)</u>
Drawing:	<u>December 4, 2020</u> at KSBA Board of Directors meeting
Selectees notified:	<u>December 11, 2020</u> by KSBA president
Selectees' acceptance:	<u>January 4, 2021</u> to executive director
Presentation:	<u>February 20, 2021</u> Annual Conference luncheon by KSBA president, sponsors
Payment:	<u>By June 1, 2021</u> **students must provide college letter of acceptance to executive director by mail or email before scholarship money can be disbursed**
	<u>August 5, 2021</u> Send check to colleges, with letter and copies to superintendents and parents

KSBA First Degree Scholarship Program (application)

Thanks to the generous support of statewide fundraising efforts, the board of directors of the Kentucky School Boards Association will award four \$2,500 scholarships to eligible Kentucky high school seniors to attend any two- or four-year accredited college or university, in state or out. Two scholarships each will be awarded to male and female students. These nonrenewable scholarships will be paid directly to the institution of higher education upon the recipients' official admission acceptances.

Eligible students are those who would be the first members of their immediate families (parents, guardians, siblings) to receive a degree from a two- or four-year college or university. **Eligibility must be affirmed and signed by the high school guidance counselor and the school district's board chairperson and superintendent.**

Any Kentucky board of education may place in nomination the names of up to two students, one male, one female with a minimum ACT reading score of 20. KSBA will accept receipt of the first two eligible application forms per school district by the deadline noted below (additional forms will be disqualified). The scholarships will be awarded based on a drawing conducted by the KSBA Board of Directors at their December 2020 quarterly board meeting.

Application (nomination) form as certified by the high school guidance counselor

Student's Name: (**please print**) _____ Age ____ Male ____ Female

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ School District: _____ ACT Reading Score: _____

High School Guidance Counselor (*Signature*): _____ Email: _____

We, the undersigned, hereby affirm the nomination of this student for the KSBA First Degree Scholarship Program; that he/she is a senior in good standing at the high school; that the information included above is accurate; and that this student would be the first from his/her immediate family to earn a college degree. **Chairman and superintendent may sign a maximum of two application forms per school district (one male and one female).**

Signed:

Chairperson, local board of education	PRINT NAME	EMAIL
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Superintendent, local board of education	PRINT NAME	EMAIL
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Return completed form to Beth Pritchett, KSBA, 260 Democrat Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601 or to beth.pritchett@ksba.org
Applications must be received at the KSBA office no later than close of business October 26, 2020.