

Over 50 scholarships and more than \$100,000 awarded annually

# Make it Yours

## KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### There's a scholarship waiting for you!

A scholarship may make all the difference in your life. It enables you to keep going to school and achieve your dreams of a degree and a career. Studies show that the greater your level of education, the greater your earning power. At Kent State Ashtabula, we are committed to working hard to remove part of the financial barrier to higher education so that you can concentrate on being successful.

Review the scholarship information on the following pages and online. Some scholarships go unawarded because no one applies! It's easier than you think. You'll find an application form in this packet to get started.

  
**KENT STATE**  
UNIVERSITY  
ASHTABULA



[www.kent.edu/ashtabula](http://www.kent.edu/ashtabula)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete application (page 7)
- Complete recommendation forms (pages 3-6)  
*Give recommendation forms to two selected individuals to complete and return to the address below or return to you in a sealed envelope.*
- Write essay
- Submit all completed application materials:  
**Kent State University at Ashtabula  
Student Services Office  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
3300 Lake Road West  
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004**

**OR** return your packet in person to the Kent State Ashtabula Student Services Office located in Main Hall.

### FAFSA

Be sure to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by March 31 to be considered for scholarships that require that you demonstrate financial need.

You can apply for financial aid by submitting the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The school code for Kent State University at Ashtabula is **003052**. For more information please contact the financial aid office at 440-964-4217.

### ADMISSION TO KENT STATE

If you have not already done so, please submit your application, \$40 application fee, and all high school and college transcripts to the address below by the **March 31** scholarship application deadline:

**Office of Admissions  
Kent State University at Ashtabula  
3300 Lake Road West  
Ashtabula, OH 44004**

*\* You must be admitted to Kent State University at Ashtabula to be eligible for scholarship consideration.*

For complete scholarship listings, including criteria and award information, as well as newly added scholarships visit:

[www.kent.edu/ashtabula/financial-aid-scholarships](http://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/financial-aid-scholarships)

# SAMPLE ESSAYS



**Kent Flash**

My name is Kent Flash and I am a senior at Geneva High School. I was born with an entrepreneurial spirit. As a young child, I had a lemonade stand and as a teenager I started my own lawncare service, managing the finances and developing the marketing strategies myself. My parents are small business owners and have encouraged me to pursue my dream of one day taking over my family's business. A college education is the foundation for a successful career and I have chosen to attend Kent State University at Ashtabula to pursue a bachelor's degree in business management. I know that I will gain the knowledge and skills I will need to help grow my family's business.

One of my proudest achievements is my first degree black belt in karate. I have been active in karate since I was six years old and this experience has brought me both physical and mental strength that I carry with me in all aspects of my life. I serve as a volunteer at my dojo, helping my karate instructor with his children's karate classes and serving as a mentor to those children. At school, I am president of the student council and play first base for our varsity baseball team. When I am not working on schoolwork or involved in my extracurricular activities, I help out at my parent's business.

As small business owners, my parents are worried about the current economy and how it impacts their business. A scholarship will help me make my career goals a reality without putting added stress on my parents' finances. My goal is to graduate with my bachelor's degree with as little debt as possible so that I am able to invest as much as possible into growing our family business.

I have learned many valuable lessons through my experiences, especially that hard work does pay off. I know that my strong work ethic paired with a business degree from KSUA and the financial support of a scholarship will allow me to realize my goals and help to make a difference in my community. Thank you for your consideration.

**Introduction**

**Detail your activities and achievements in your community, at work or in school.**

**Conclusion and any additional information.**

**Be sure to include your full name.**

**List your educational and career goals and aspirations.**

**How will a scholarship help you achieve your educational and career goals?**

**Jane Smith**

My name is Jane Smith. I am a student at Kent State University at Ashtabula working toward an associate degree in nursing. I have wanted to become a nurse ever since I was a little girl and saw firsthand the positive impact that nurses had on my mother and our entire family during her illness. I love to help people, and I cannot think of a profession that would be more fulfilling than nursing. Once I complete my associate degree and begin my career as a registered nurse, I hope to continue my education and earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. My dream is to one day work as an oncology nurse or work in Hospice care.

My class schedule can be very demanding; however, I feel that it is important to be involved on campus and in my community. I am currently the secretary of the Student Nurses Association and serve as a Student Ambassador at KSUA. These roles have helped me to develop my leadership and communication skills. Off campus, I serve as the leader of my daughter's Girl Scout troop and am active in the PTA at my children's school. I also participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure each year to honor my mother's fight against cancer.

I put off my college education for many years, always making excuses and waiting for the "right time" while settling for unrewarding jobs. Finally, I decided that I would do whatever it takes to make my goal of being a nurse a reality. With my family's support I have been able to quit my job and attend school full time, but this has put a significant strain on our budget. A scholarship would help to minimize the amount of debt I incur and allow me to focus on school rather than worrying about our finances.

Receiving a scholarship would give me the encouragement and confidence I need to achieve my goals, make my family proud, and give me the opportunity to dedicate my career to my mother and the nurses who played such a significant role during a difficult time in our lives. I am committed to working hard in school and would appreciate any opportunity that can help me on my journey.

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**Conclusion**

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# SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION



- **To the Applicant:** Complete the top section and give this form to your evaluator.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Under the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are entitled to review their records, including letters of recommendation. It is your option to waive your right to access these recommendations or to decline to do so. Please mark the appropriate box below and sign your name.

Check only one box. Failure to waive access will not affect the decision of the scholarship committee.

I waive my right to review this recommendation, which shall therefore be considered confidential

I do not waive my right to review this recommendation

 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- **To the Evaluator:** Please complete both sides of this form and return to the address below or return to the applicant (must be in a sealed envelope). Recommendation forms are due by **March 31**.

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 Student Services Office  
 ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
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- Compared to other students, please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis
<b>Academic achievement</b>					
<b>Work ethic</b>					
<b>Independence and initiative</b>					
<b>Creativity</b>					
<b>Potential for growth</b>					
<b>Personal qualities and character</b>					
<b>Motivation</b>					
<b>Leadership</b>					
<b>Responsibility and dependability</b>					
<b>School or community involvement</b>					

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# RECOMMENDATION PART II



• Please share whatever you think is important for the scholarship committee to know about this student and explain why you believe he/she is deserving of a scholarship. We welcome information that will assist us to differentiate this student from others. Please attach a separate page if needed.

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• Please select the option that best reflects your recommendation of this applicant:

**Highly Recommend**    **Recommend**    **Recommend with Reservation**    **Do Not Recommend**

**Evaluator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Position:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

• How long have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

• What is your relationship to the applicant? (Select all that apply)

- High School Teacher       Principal       Advisor       College Professor/Instructor
- Guidance Counselor       Coach       Employer
- Other (Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_)

 **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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 **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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Kent State Identification Number

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Last Name

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High School Name

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Graduation Date

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GPA

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College Major

\_\_\_\_\_

Degree

\_\_\_\_\_

College GPA

**Please attach any other requested documentation with the application (i.e., recommendation forms, essays, etc.).**

*\* While every effort is made to provide accurate and current information, Kent State University at Ashtabula reserves the right to change, without notice, availability, number, award amount or criteria of any scholarship in this booklet.*

Please list other scholarship awards you will be receiving:

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**IMPORTANT: Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**March 31**



This guide is produced by the Kent State University at Ashtabula Student Services Office to help you in your efforts to fund your education.

**Deadline for all scholarship applications is March 31.** Applicants must be accepted to Kent State University at Ashtabula to be considered for scholarships.

- **Review** the scholarships listed online.
- **Submit** all documents and materials by the deadline

Your application allows you to apply and be eligible for multiple scholarships. Most of the scholarships can be applied for using the materials (application, recommendation forms, essay) found in this packet, however some require a separate application form. Details on how to obtain those forms are included in the scholarship criteria online.

If you have questions, contact the Kent State Ashtabula Student Services Office at 440-964-4217. For a complete list of scholarship offerings, visit [www.kent.edu/ashtabula/financial-aid-scholarships](http://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/financial-aid-scholarships).

## HELPFUL TIPS

### ASKING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations play an important role in determining how others view you. It is your responsibility to select the most appropriate individuals who will support and advocate for you. It is suggested that you select individuals you interact with often and who are familiar with your talents, successes and abilities. When approaching someone for a recommendation, always be respectful of their time and schedules.

- Be outgoing. Ask your teachers, counselors, coaches and community leaders. If they are familiar with you, they will be glad to assist you if given enough time.
- Provide them with the recommendation form filled out with your information. Also, supply them with details of awards, volunteering, outside community activities or pertinent information that they may not know, to provide a well-rounded perspective.
- Make sure they have plenty of time to formulate their thoughts and return the form. About two weeks before you want to submit your application should be sufficient.
- Follow up within a week prior to the deadline you established with them to see if they need additional information.

### ESSAY WRITING

In addition to minimum requirement criteria such as GPA and enrolled credit hours, essays are heavily weighted in determining the award of any available scholarship. A well-written, carefully constructed essay can very well be the determining factor in awarding a scholarship. The following are some suggested tips for a successful scholarship application:

- Create an essay that is well thought-out.
- Be sure that you specifically address what is being asked.
- Proofread before submitting – misspelled words, grammatical errors and improper punctuation may cost you the scholarship.
- Have someone else review your application - a second pair of eyes may find something you missed.



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