The Kent State University at Stark Rising Scholars Program provides students from Stark County a college-access program designed to give first-generation and underrepresented students from Stark County and surrounding areas a pathway to achieve a college degree at no cost to participants. Our goal is for every student in our program to complete postsecondary education with the credentials necessary to succeed in his or her career.

The program includes:

Year-round enrichment workshops focused on STEM subjects, personal leadership, academic motivation, college readiness, career exploration and civic engagement.

Earn college credits through the College Credit Plus (CCP) program while in high school.

Summer sessions offering applied learning and service experiences.

High stakes test preparation.

Mentoring and advising.

Parent workshops.

Who should apply?
Interested students can apply in spring semester of their 8th grade school year.

Rising Scholars students visiting Whispering Grace Horses in Massillon.
SELECTION CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS APPLYING TO BE RISING SCHOLARS:

» Students must be enrolling in 9th grade for the first time.

» Students must be potential first-generation college students. This means that parents, step-parents or legal guardians cannot hold a four-year college degree at the time of application.

» Students must be income eligible with a family income of no more than 200% of the federal poverty level.

» Students must possess the desire to earn postsecondary certification or degree.

» Students and their parents or guardians must be willing to participate in the program and its activities.

» Students must have a strong attendance record and grades that reflect a potential to do well in college (minimum 2.7 GPA).

» Educators are encouraged to prioritize siblings of current Rising Scholars if they meet other qualifications.

» Students must submit two references from a counselor or teacher as part of their completed application form.

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4,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED YEAR-ROUND

STARK CAMPUS SNAPSHOT

20 BACHELOR'S DEGREES CAN BE COMPLETED AT STARK

21:1 STUDENT: FACULTY RATIO

360 WORLD-CLASS KSU PROGRAMS OF STUDY CAN BE STARTED AT STARK

TUITION COMPARISON

Tuition rates based on average undergraduate full-time tuition for Ohio residents.

Source: www.ohiohighered.org for Fall 2021 and www.aicu.edu for 2021-22

Tuition for new incoming freshmen and transfer students is guaranteed for four years. For more information, visit www.kent.edu/bursar/tuition-guarantee-program-faq.

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