

Scholarship Criteria

For the Second Chance Scholarship Fund

Purpose: The purpose of the Second Chance Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships to graduating seniors in the Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri School Districts who have had some adversity in their lives but who desire a second chance at a brighter future by continuing their education at a two-year or four-year college or university or at a vocational or technical school.

Criteria: The students eligible for assistance shall (i) be graduating from a high school in the Kansas City, Kansas School District or the Kansas City, Missouri, School District, (ii) have experienced some adversity in their lives, (iii) demonstrate financial need and (iv) be planning to enroll in a two-year or four-year college or university, or a vocational or technical school. Extra-curricular activities, community service experience and letters of recommendation may also be considered.

Scholarship recipients are also expected to give back to the community by completing at least 10 hours of community service each year they receive the scholarship. Ideally, the community service should also provide the scholarship recipient with a chance to work with a mentor who can provide them with valuable guidance in their education and in life. Scholarship recipients are expected to report back to the Advisory Committee of the Fund at least annually about their community service and mentor experience. If the scholarship recipient is unable to connect with a person they view as a mentor through community service, the recipient may also report to the Advisory Committee annually about one or more persons who are positive role models for the recipient in education and in life.

Guidelines: Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and disbursed in equal payments in August and January.

Amount: Scholarships may be awarded for tuition, fees, room and board and other education-related expenses.

Deadline: The deadline for submitting applications to the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation is March 15, 2010.

Renewal process: Scholarships are renewable provided that the student remains enrolled in a two-year or four-year college or university, or a vocational or technical school, lives up to goals set by the Advisory Committee (which may include a minimum GPA and other personal goals) and completes at least 10 hours of community service each year the scholarship is received as described above.

Please submit applications by **March 15th** to:

Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
Attn: Scholarships
1055 Broadway, Suite 130
Kansas City, MO 64105