

KCTCS and Academic Scholarships

KCTCS Presidential Scholarship

The criteria for the KCTCS Presidential Scholarship are determined locally with encouragement toward academic merit, diversity of student populations, and college enrollment goals.

- Criteria:
1. ACT Composite score of 23 or higher
 2. Grade point average of 3.25 or higher

Students may receive the KCTCS Presidential Scholarship up to two additional semesters as long as they maintain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher and are enrolled in at least six credit hours. KCTCS Presidential Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, and other related educational expenses.

KCTCS Commonwealth Scholarship

The KCTCS Commonwealth Scholarship was created during the 1988 regular session of the General Assembly to encourage Kentucky's high scholastic achieving students to attend college in Kentucky. Awards are based on the availability of funds and preference will be given to the most qualified students who meet the academic standards.

The Commonwealth scholarships are available to Kentucky residents; and current year high school graduates in the top quartile of their high school graduating class; or prior year high school graduates in the top quartile of their high school graduating class.

Students awarded the Commonwealth Scholarship may earn a second year award provided they have successfully completed at least 24 credit hours at a KCTCS institution, maintained a 3.0 grade point average, and they are enrolled in at least six credit hours. KCTCS Commonwealth Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, and other related educational expenses.

Criteria:

1. Kentucky Residency
2. Current year high school graduates in the top quartile of their high school graduating class; or prior year high school graduates in the top quartile of their high school graduating class

KCTCS John T. Smith

Named for Dr. John T. Smith the first African American to receive a doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Smith had a distinguished career in higher education and served as the first African American community college president in

Kentucky. Dr. Smith served as president of Jefferson Community College for seven years (1968-1975).

The John T. Smith scholarships are available to Kentucky resident students who demonstrate potential for success in postsecondary education and also demonstrate a need for financial support in pursuing post-secondary education. Factors for consideration include academic records, achievement in extracurricular activities and racial status. This scholarship may be renewed for a second year with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, and if they are enrolled in at least six credit hours. John T. Smith Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, and other related educational expenses.

Criteria:

1. Financial Need
2. Academic Record
3. Achievement in Extracurricular Activities
4. Racial Status

Additional KCTCS Scholarships

In addition to the KCTCS Presidential, KCTCS Commonwealth, and KCTCS John T. Smith scholarships, KCTCS provides Somerset Community College with additional scholarship opportunities. The following scholarships follow the same process for other SCC scholarships with the addition of a second application.

The Kentucky Colonels Better Life Scholarship

The Kentucky Colonels Scholarship is a scholarship that is awarded to two students in the annual amount of \$2,500.00 each (\$1,250.00 per semester). The scholarship recipient must be primarily, a first time/or near first time student, a full-time student, working (work study counts), a single parent with children under the age of 12, and enrolled in a degree seeking program. The Colonels are hoping to award the scholarship to a first time student and to provide the scholarship for 4 semesters.

Workforce Development

The Workforce Development Transfer Scholarship provides two \$4,000.00 scholarships to second year students who plan to earn a degree from KCTCS and are transferring to a Kentucky public or independent four-year college/university. The scholarship also provides one \$3,000.00 scholarship to a first year student who plans to earn a degree from KCTCS and transfer to a Kentucky public of independent four-year college/university. The scholarship is renewable at \$4,000.00 provided the student maintains good academic standing in year one.

Criteria:

1. Enroll full or part time and are degree seeking
2. Enroll in the STEM disciplines, health professions, career pathway programs, teacher shortage areas, or applied sciences
3. Declare their intent to pursue an associate's degree in an area of workforce need at a KCTC institution
4. Enter a KCTCS institution in good academic standing and maintain that standing while enrolled
5. Declare their intent to pursue a baccalaureate degree upon graduating from KCTCS with an associate's degree

PNC Workforce Development

The PNC Workforce Development Scholarship is awarded to a North Laurel Campus student of Somerset Community College. The funding comes from the generosity of the PNC Foundation. The award is \$500.00 per semester, and the student must reapply every year.

Criteria:

1. Somerset Community College Laurel North Campus student
2. Preference given to low to moderate income houses
3. High-wage, high-demand workforce development programs and/or who plan to transfer to a Kentucky four-year university to earn a baccalaureate degree

Whayne Supply

The Whayne Supply Scholarship is a scholarship that is determined by an outside selection process. The student's award information is sent to Somerset Community College by KCTCS. The award amount is \$1,500.00 for the year (\$750.00 per semester).