
2007-2008 AFFORDING KU

Affordability is an important factor when considering colleges. The cost of attending KU is much lower than costs at most private schools and is comparable to or less than costs at many public four-year institutions. KU was recently listed by the Princeton Review as one of *America's Best Value Colleges* (2008 Edition) and has also been listed as one of the best buys in higher education by such publications as Kiplinger's, the Fiske Guide to Colleges, and Kaplan's.

Tuition and fees

Estimated tuition and fees are based on an average enrollment of 15 hours each semester. Tuition and fees are reviewed annually by the Kansas Board of Regents and are subject to change. First-time freshmen at KU will pay tuition based on the Four Year Tuition Compact (fixed tuition rates over the course of four years).

Total expenses

The total expenses for the academic year will depend on your major field of study, living accommodations, and lifestyle. Modest estimated budgets used by the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) include tuition, fees, room, board, books/supplies, transportation and personal expenses. Your estimated COA (also known as a budget) is a standardized estimate of what it will cost you to attend KU for the academic year. The estimated budgets for 2007-2008 are as follows:

- First-Time Freshman Kansas Resident: \$17,946
- First-Time Freshman Non-Resident: \$28,356
(First-Time Freshman tuition and fees are fixed for four years)
- Undergraduate Kansas Resident: \$17,400
- Undergraduate Non-Resident: \$26,908
- Graduate Kansas Resident: \$20,868
- Graduate Non-Resident: \$28,894

For additional information about tuition and fees at KU visit www.tuition.ku.edu.

Financial assistance

We encourage you to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Information reported on the FAFSA is utilized in a formula established by US Congress to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Your EFC is used to determine your eligibility for federal, state and some institutional aid programs. You and your family are expected to contribute as much as possible toward your education.

Types of financial assistance

There are four basic sources of funding for college: grants, scholarships, loans, and part-time jobs. Most students rely on several sources to finance their college education. More than half of KU students receive some type of financial assistance.

Grants

Grants generally do not have to be repaid. If you establish financial eligibility there are several grants that may be available to you: Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant, National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant, Kansas Comprehensive Grant, and the KU Tuition Grant.

Scholarships

Although scholarships are competitive, one in every four KU freshmen receives an academic scholarship each year. About 15% of transfer students are also awarded scholarships each year.

For a complete list of scholarship opportunities at KU for first year students and transfer students visit www.admissions.ku.edu/scholarships.

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State of Kansas awards

Kansas offers several programs for its high school graduates. Scholarships include the State of Kansas scholarship, Kansas Ethnic Minority scholarship, Kansas Teacher Service scholarship, and the Kansas Nursing scholarship. The Kansas Comprehensive Grant is also available for students with financial need. For additional information contact the Kansas Board of Regents at (785) 296-3421 or visit the Web site at www.kansasregents.org.

Scholarship Opportunities from Outside Sources

Your parents' status as veterans, their professions or place of residence, or other factors about you and your academic goals may determine your eligibility for certain scholarships or loans offered by agencies outside the university. Contact individual organizations within your community including churches, fraternal organizations, clubs, and employers. Internet searches are popular, but exercise caution about any scholarship search requiring a fee. Information about outside scholarship resources is available at www.scholarships.ku.edu.

Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)

KU is the only university in Kansas to offer all of the ROTC programs. ROTC scholarships may pay tuition and fees, furnish books and supplies, and provide a monthly allowance. Participants take ROTC courses as they pursue their university degrees. After completing ROTC requirements and graduating from KU, participants are commissioned to begin their service in the armed forces.

For additional information, contact the respective program:

- Air Force ROTC at (785) 864-4676 or www.ku.edu/~afrotc/
- Army ROTC at (785) 864-3311 or www.armyrotc.ku.edu/
- Navy ROTC at (785) 864-3161 or www.ku.edu/~kunrotc/

Loans

Loans must be repaid. Loan programs that may be available to undergraduates and graduates are the Federal Subsidized Loan, Federal Unsubsidized Loan, and the Federal Perkins Loan. Some loans are available to all students regardless of financial need.

The Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is available to parents of dependent students. Repayment on PLUS loans typically begins 60 days after the final date of disbursement.

The Graduate PLUS loan is available to qualified graduate students.

On campus employment

You are encouraged to seek part-time employment. Working part-time may help you meet your educational expenses or provide spending money. While all employers must pay at least campus minimum wage (\$7.25/hr), pay varies depending on the job and your qualifications. For additional information about on-campus jobs contact the University Career Center at (785) 864-3624 or search for jobs online at <https://jobs.ku.edu>.

Benefits of on campus positions include:

- May help you avoid excessive debt, because you earn as you learn.
- May be more convenient, because you can work between classes more easily.
- May be more flexible, because on campus employers are familiar with the academic calendar.
- May help you get more involved in campus activities as you get to know more university students, staff, and faculty.
- You may be better prepared for your job search after graduation because many on campus jobs are in career-related areas or offer you more responsibility each year you work.

Federal Work-Study Program

These differ from other on campus jobs only by their funding source. By filing an application for financial aid, you may qualify for a work-study award, which is based on your financial eligibility. Employers on campus receive a significant subsidy if they hire you. Working at an hourly rate, you are allowed to earn the total work-study amount granted to you. The subsidy helps create jobs, and employers are eager to hire work-study students. About 550 students have work-study jobs. Community service positions are also available for work-study students in departments that serve the local community.

Federal financial aid eligibility requirements

To qualify for federal financial aid you must meet the following criteria:

- be a degree-seeking student
- be a citizen of the United States or an eligible non-citizen
- not be in default on an educational loan or owe a refund on a federal grant
- be making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- be registered with the Selective Service Administration if required, and
- file the 2007–2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The priority date at KU is March 1, 2007.

Residency requirements

State of Kansas statutes and regulations govern who qualifies for resident tuition. For a copy of these regulations or additional information, contact the Office of the University Registrar at (785) 864-4423 or visit the Web site at www.registrar.ku.edu.

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The annual security report about KU safety policies, crime statistics, and campus resources is available online at www.ku.edu/safety.