



Kansas Tourism Conference Scholarship Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in attending the Kansas Tourism Conference in Manhattan, Kansas on October 20-21, 2025!

Statement of Eligibility

Scholarships to attend the 2025 Kansas Tourism Conference are open to any student currently enrolled in a tourism, hospitality or related program in a Kansas university or college. All applicants must submit the application, proof of enrollment and one letter of recommendation.

General Information

Awarded scholarships will cover the cost of lodging, meals, and conference registration. Scholarship funds are supported from donations of TIAK (Travel Industry Association of Kansas) members attending the annual conference.

Entry Guidelines

- A typed, completed application form (page 2), proof of enrollment at college/university and one letter of recommendation must be submitted.
- Please do not send any additional materials. Only completed materials will be accepted for review and entries will not be returned upon completion of the scholarship process.
- Entries not prepared according to guidelines may be disqualified.
- Must submit a paper after the event sharing your experience at the conference, due October 26, 2025. Email to Janet Kuhn at jkuhn@visithays.com.

Deadline

Submissions must be completed and received by **September 4, 2025; please send all materials to:**

*Janet Kuhn
Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau
2700 Vine St
Hays, KS 67601
jkuhn@visithays.com*

Judging Panel and Notification

The TIAK Education Committee will review the entries. An entry may be disqualified if it is determined that there is not adequate information provided on the application form. All decisions are final. All applicants will be notified whether or not they have been selected. Applicants will be notified via e-mail to the e-mail listed on the scholarship application. Notifications will be sent out no later than September 15, 2025. If you are not selected to receive a scholarship, you may register for the educational portion of the conference by paying the student rate of \$99 by visiting www.tiak.org. Evening banquets and activities will cost an additional \$50. Additional expenses are on your own.



Scholarship Application

Name:	
E-Mail:	
Phone:	
University/College:	
Dates enrolled:	
Program of Study:	
Graduation Year:	
Internship location & dates: (if applicable)	

- 1) In 500 words or less, please select one question below and answer in essay format in the space provided below (typed):
- Why do you want to attend the Kansas Tourism Conference?
 - Why did you choose the tourism/hospitality industry as your major in college?
 - What are your future plans in the tourism/hospitality industry upon graduation?

2) Attach proof of enrollment at college/university.

3) Attach a brief letter of recommendation from a professor, advisor, or professional reference from an individual in the tourism/hospitality industry.