

### Application for Foster Child Education Assistance Program

Students seeking tuition/fee assistance as foster children must complete and return this form to the Registrar's Office of the school they will be attending. Assistance will be provided if a student meets eligibility criteria and the legislative appropriations are available for this purpose. ***Please read the definitions on the reverse side of this form to help you determine whether you will be eligible for tuition and fee assistance.***

Name	DOB	Social Security Number	
Street	City	State	Zip Code
Date of High School Graduation /or Date GED received		Applicant Telephone #	
Post-Secondary Educational Institution accepted to			City
Enrollment Start Date:	Month	Year	Anticipated Graduation Date: Year

I understand that in order to maintain my eligibility for the Foster Child Assistance Program, if granted, that I will need to remain in good academic standing at the Kansas educational institution and make satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of the educational program.

I authorize the school receiving this waiver and institution I am attending to have authorization to submit to Children and Family Services with Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services any information concerning financial aid, grades and any other academic information as requested.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**SRS: Please return this faxed form to the Registrar's Office at** \_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Institution FAX #

The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services verifies that this applicant is eligible based on eligibility criteria.

Print Name & Title of SRS State IL Coordinator-Central Office \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Verification \_\_\_\_\_

Signature  Approved  Denied \_\_\_\_\_  
Foster Child Educational Assistance Act  
Program  \_\_\_\_\_  
Tuition Assistance Program prior to 7/1/06

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**Registrar's Office:** Please fax this form to the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) at **785-368-8159**. Please include the **FAX number that you wish to have this form returned to**. SRS will fax this form back to your office with verification of the eligibility of the applicant. **Please retain one copy of this form for your records and submit one copy to the Kansas Board of Regents Office.**

## **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FOSTER CHILD EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN S.B. 85**

### **WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE:**

Senate Bill 85 and the addition of SB 355 provides an opportunity for foster care children in the custody of the Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services and in a foster care placement ; at age 18; or in foster care placement while graduating from high school or completing their General Educational Development (GED) prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; or adopted from foster care after the age of 16; or guardianship subject to chapter 38 or 59 of K.S.A. from foster care placement on or after age 16 to enroll in Kansas educational institutions without payment of tuition and required fees. Enrollment without payment of tuition and required fees means that an eligible student will be allowed to enroll without payment of tuition and required fees required of all students at the time of enrollment. The student will be responsible for other charges associated with the student's academic program and living costs, such as books and room and board. The applicant may be eligible for assistance for other costs of higher education through Social and Rehabilitation Services. This program provides for undergraduate enrollment of eligible applicant through the semester applicant attains 23 years of age.

### **WHERE MAY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLL:**

Enrollment without charge of tuition and fees will be possible at Kansas educational institutions including: area vocational schools, area vocational-technical schools, community colleges, the municipal university, state educational institutions or technical colleges.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:**

An eligible applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Eligible applicant enrolls in a Kansas educational institution on or after July 1, 2006;  
**and**
- The applicant was in custody of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and in a foster care placement on the date such applicant reached 18 years of age; **or**
- prior to age 18 graduated from high school or fulfilled the requirements for a GED while in foster care placement and custody of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services; **or**
- adopted from a foster care placement on or after applicant's 16th birthday; **or**
- left a foster care placement subject to a guardianship under chapter 38 or 59 of the K.S.A. on or after applicant's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Central Office must verify the applicant's eligibility status prior to enrollment.

### **REQUIREMENTS OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:**

Students who have been granted tuition waiver shall remain in good academic standing at the Kansas educational institution where the eligible applicant is enrolled and shall make satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of the educational program in which the eligible applicant is enrolled.

### **WHEN MAY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLL:**

Foster Child Education Assistance Program will be possible for eligible individuals who enroll in a Kansas educational institution on or after July 1, 2006.

### **KANSAS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:**

**All students who are accepted and enrolled through the Foster Child Education Assistance Program, Kansas educational institutions shall provide a list of current students enrolled in their institution within 60 days from the start of classes to Program Manager for Independent Living, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) at 915 S.W. Harrison, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor South, Topeka, KS 66612 or by fax at (785)368-8159.**