

Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science

At Fort Hays State University

**2010-2011
International
Application**



WELCOME

Dear International Student,

Congratulations on your decision to apply to the Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science (KAMS), part of Fort Hays State University, located in the heartland of the USA! The Academy is the premier early-entry-to-college program for the state of Kansas, attracting the best and brightest high school students from all over the world.

If selected, you will have a tremendous opportunity to get an early start on your college career by completing 68 hours of college credit over the next two years, leading to completion documents from KAMS, a high school diploma from a Kansas school, and the option of receiving an Associate's degree issued by FHSU. At KAMS, you will:

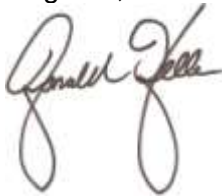
- have a curriculum rich in mathematics and science;
- conduct a research project with PhD faculty;
- network with leaders from various segments of higher education, business, and industry through field trips and colloquia; and
- live in a close-knit and supportive learning community on the Fort Hays State University (FHSU) campus with many opportunities to develop leadership skills.

To be considered for admission to KAMS, all candidates are required to submit the information described in this packet. The material submitted must be in English. The shipping deadline for applications submitted by international students is March 1, 2010.

If you have any questions about KAMS or the application process, please feel free to contact me at (785) 628-5973 or by email at kams@fhsu.edu. Additionally, I encourage you to visit our website at www.fhsu.edu/kams or our blog at fhsukams.wordpress.com for more information and regular updates.

We are here to serve you, so please let us help you in any way that we can. We look forward to the opportunity to meet you and work with you.

Regards,



Ron Keller, Director
Kansas Academy of Mathematics & Science at Fort Hays State University

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

Hays, Kansas – USA



Founded in 1902, Fort Hays State University (FHSU) is a liberal arts, state-assisted institution in western Kansas with a total enrollment of more than 10,000 students. It has four colleges (Arts and Sciences, Education and Technology, Business and Leadership, and Health and Life Sciences) and a Graduate School. It also has a Virtual College that delivers courses electronically throughout Kansas and beyond. Students at FHSU can select a major field of study from 30 departments and study in an electronic environment throughout the campus. The university is fully accredited by several national agencies and is one of six state-assisted institutions of higher education governed by a Board of Regents appointed by the governor of the state of Kansas. Learn more at: <http://www.fhsu.edu>

Multi-Culturalism & International Students at FHSU

Quality multi-cultural experiences are essential for functioning effectively in a global society. Through the living, learning and working experiences at FHSU, we celebrate diversity as an opportunity to broaden our cultural experiences, enhance understanding of our cultural perspectives, and value each person's heritage.

Throughout the year, a variety of organizations contribute to bring international events to campus and to the larger Hays community. Annual program and events include welcoming parties, Oktoberfest, International Spice, Friendship Family Program, International Education Week, International Thanksgiving Dinner, Speakers Bureau Program, and the Department of Geosciences Travelogue Series. Additionally, a number of student organizations exist on campus to further understanding and cooperation. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fhsu.edu/international/>

Several FHSU and community clubs and organizations will be available to KAMS international students. Examples of these clubs include: International Student Union, Model United Nations, Black Student Union, Chinese Student Association, FHSU Anime, German Club, Hispanic American Leadership Organization, French Table, and many others.

FHSU's Office of Diversity Affairs provides recommendations to enhance a campus community environment that promotes diversity of thought and culture. Additionally, they provide conscious and sensitive educational opportunities for students and employees in conjunction with a shared understanding of diversity to be inclusive of, but not limited to, racial equity, ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender, disability, socioeconomic status, national origin and age. The Office of Diversity Affairs is committed to helping Fort Hays State University be an organization that welcomes, celebrates and promotes respect for all individuals.

Diversity Affairs:

- develops and maintains administrative policies which encourage multiculturalism and prohibit intolerance and discrimination;
- develops a Campus-wide Action Plan for Diversity that welcomes people from all backgrounds, and seeks to include their knowledge and values into the fabric of life in our community;
- provides a shared vision of diversity which fosters the value of open and free exchange of ideas;
- provides and maintains funding and resources to support the implementation of the Diversity Plan;
- establishes policies and procedures to measure the effort of the Diversity Plan and requires accountability to the Plan; and
- incorporates the dimensions of diversity into every aspect of the University's activities.



Custer Hall, home of the Kansas Academy of Mathematics & Science

It is understood and assumed that applicants are currently enrolled in school in a grade equivalent to the U.S. tenth grade. Students enrolling at the Academy are expected to complete our two-year program, leading to a high school diploma issued by a Kansas high school, completion documents from the Academy, and an Associate's degree from Fort Hays State University.

Timeline

Early Fall	October - March	March 1, 2010	March/April	May
Application materials available	International recruitment	International Applications due	- Applications reviewed - Phone interviews	Students notified

Academic Preparedness & Minimum Requirements to Apply:

- Completion of Algebra II and Geometry (required)
- Complete pre-calculus (recommended, but not required)
- Completion of ACT or SAT with **one** of the following minimum scores (required):
 - Minimum ACT composite score of 23; or
 - Minimum SAT score of 1060
- Completion of TOEFL with **one** of the following minimum scores (required):
 - Paper-based test (pBT) score of 540; or
 - Computer-based test (cBT) score of 220; or
 - Internet-based test (iBT) score of 70.

Evaluation & Selection to KAMS

Evaluation and Selection are based on the following:

- Grade point average
- Grades in core level classes
- Class rank
- ACT or SAT score
- TOEFL score
- Application materials
- Interview

Application Check List

- Application Sections 1-6 shipped by March 1, 2010 to KAMS with required supporting documentation. Submit all documents with original signatures. Please keep a copy for your records.
- Official transcripts from all schools attended in last two years. Transcripts must be shipped directly to KAMS from the school by March 1, 2010.
- Official transcripts from all Universities attended, if applicable. Transcripts must be shipped directly to KAMS from all Universities attended by March 1, 2010.
- Geometry and Algebra II (or the equivalent) completed before enrollment in KAMS.
- ACT or SAT scores sent by the testing agency to Fort Hays State University by March 1, 2010.
- TOEFL scores sent by the testing agency to Fort Hays State University by March 1, 2010.

Instructions

The required application materials and information described in this packet include:

- SECTION 1: Personal Data
- SECTION 2: Academic Information
- SECTION 3: Financial Requirements
- SECTION 4: Statement of Financial Support
- SECTION 5: Copy of Passport
- SECTION 6: Certification of Accuracy of Information Provided

For your records, please retain a photocopy of your application & materials upon completion.

Deadline

All applications and supporting material must be completed in English and shipped no later than **March 1, 2010**.

Shipping

We request that you ship all materials via FedEx or UPS to this address (we do not recommend sending applications or materials via postal mail):

Fort Hays State University Science & Mathematics Education Institute ATTN: KAMS Custer Hall Room 241 420 Custer Drive Hays, KS 67601	Phone: (785) 628-4690 Fax: (785) 628-4077 Email: kams@fhsu.edu
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Note: KAMS cannot receive postal mail at the above address. If you need to send documents via postal mail, please call or email us for the address.

SECTION 1: Personal Data

Questions 1 – 7 must be completed by student or parent/guardian.

1. Candidate's Name: _____
Last name (family or surname) First name Middle Name
2. Date of Birth: _____ 3. Birthplace: _____
Month Day Year City Country
4. Country/Countries of Citizenship: _____
5. Is English your native language?
 Yes No* *If no, how long have you spoken English? _____
6. What other languages do you speak (i.e., at school, home, etc.)? _____
7. Permanent International Home Address (please do not include a P.O. Box address):

Number and Street

City Province / State Country / Country Code

International Home Phone Number Email Address

SECTION 2: Academic Information

Questions 12 – 17 must be completed by student or parent/guardian.

12. Please provide the name, address and telephone number of the school that you are currently attending:

Name of High School

Street Address

City

Province / State

Country / Country Code

School Phone Number

Email Address

13. What is your current grade level? _____

14. Please provide the start date and end date of the duration of your current school year:

Start Date: _____ End date: _____

15. List other schools you have attended over the past two years, if applicable. **You must contact your current school as well as the other schools you attended over the last two years and request them to send official transcripts directly to the Kansas Academy of Mathematics & Science:**

Name of School City and Country Dates Attended Grade Level

16. Have you ever been dismissed or suspended from school? Yes* No

*If yes, when was it and for what reason? _____

TOEFL

The TOEFL is required for all international students applying to Fort Hays State University and the Kansas Academy of Mathematics & Science (KAMS). Candidates must have **ONE** of the following minimum TOEFL scores for admission to KAMS:

- Paper-based test (pBT) score of 540; or
- Computer-based test (cBT) score of 220; or
- Internet-based test (iBT) score of 70.

Your TOEFL score must be reported directly to Fort Hays State University from the testing agency. If you have questions about TOEFL, please contact TOEFL/TSE Services, Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA; telephone (609) 771-7100, or www.toefl.org.

17. Please select which version of the TOEFL you have taken and provide your score and the date taken:

pBT, score: _____ cBT, score: _____ iBT, score: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

SECTION 2: Academic Information – Continued –
Questions 18 – 26 must be completed by student or parent/guardian.

ACT or SAT

The ACT or SAT is required for all International Students applying to KAMS. Candidates must have **ONE** of the following minimum scores:

- ACT: 23 (composite); or
- SAT: 1060

Your ACT or SAT score must be reported directly to Fort Hays State University from the testing agency. Please go to <http://www.act.org> to contact ACT or <http://www.collegeboard.com> to contact SAT.

18. Please provide either your ACT or SAT score and the date taken.

- ACT composite score: _____ SAT score: _____
Date: _____ Date: _____

19. How did you first hear about KAMS? _____

20. When did you become interested in applying to KAMS, and who encouraged you to apply?

21. **Extracurricular Activities:** On a separate sheet of paper, list organized and individual extracurricular activities (i.e., music, chess club, newspaper, scouting, or other school, community and religious activities) and those related to mathematics, science and technology for grades 6 through 10. List memberships in any organizations, offices you may have held, and the year of your participation. Also, include out-of-school activities such as Talent Search programs, computer workshops, and others.
22. **Awards and Honors:** On a separate sheet of paper, list individual or team honors, both in and out of school that you have received in the last three years, such as academic, musical and athletic honors. Indicate grade (6-10) and whether it was at the local, regional or national level. KAMS reserves the right to verify awards received. Do not send copies of the awards at this time.
23. **Courses:** List all honors, accelerated, dual enrollment or college courses you have taken or have in progress. If your classes are not honors or accelerated, please include an explanation (examples: not offered, limited enrollment, schedule conflict or personal choice). If you have earned college credit, please furnish an official transcript from the institution. Honors, dual enrollment, IC or AP courses are not prerequisites to admission, since availability and quality vary widely.

The information in #24 – 26 is optional and is requested for purposes of reporting to federal compliance agencies in the United States only. It will not be used in determining admission.

24. Female Male

25. Religious Preference: _____

26. Ethnic Origin: African American Hispanic
 American Indian or Alaskan Native White / Caucasian
 Asian or Pacific Islander

SECTION 3: Financial Requirements

Must be viewed by student, parent/guardian, and student's sponsor.

The following information will help you plan for your study in and travel to/from the U.S. at the Kansas Academy of Mathematics & Science at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas.

Financial Worksheet

Approximate KAMS Financial Requirements Per Year for International Students:

\$19,562.00*	Tuition and Fees (Students will take approximately 36 credit hours over the fall and spring semesters.)
1,650.00*	Books & Supplies
6,560.00*	Room & Board (9 months, double occupancy, open-access meal plan)
979.00*	Health Insurance (required)
70.00*	One-time FHSU Application Fee, Residence Life Application Fee, Student ID Card Fee
2,000.00*	Miscellaneous & Personal Expenses (laundry, clothing, entertainment, phone, etc.)

\$30,821.00* *Approximate Subtotal*

+ _____ **Travel Costs** (flights & transportation to/from KAMS at start and end of school year & for winter break)

\$ _____ *Approximate Total Financial Requirements*

* Note: these are estimates based on 2009-2010 costs. 2010-2011 costs are subject to increase.

Academic Year Planner

The academic year (August through May) is divided into two semesters. The dates below are for the academic year 2009-2010. This academic calendar for 2010-2011 is not available at the time of this application's publication. Please see the FHSU academic calendar at <http://www.fhsu.edu/registrar/calendabase.shtml> for the academic year 2010-2011:

	Classes	No Classes
1st Semester (2009)	August 24 through December 18	Fall Break: November 23-29
		Winter Break: December 19 – January 12
2nd Semester (2010)	January 13 through May 14	Spring Break: March 15-21

SECTION 4: Statement of Financial Support

Must be completed by the person who is the student's sponsor & provider of financial support.

Applicants must submit evidence of adequate financial support to cover the cost of study and residence at KAMS. This form should be filled out by the person who is the student's sponsor and owner of the bank account that will support the student. Tuition may be paid after registration has been paid. Sponsors can pay by debit/credit card online.

Name of Student

Name of Sponsor (Owner of Bank Account)

Sponsor's Relationship to Student

The student's permanent home address is:

Number and Street

City

Province / State

Country / Country Code

International Home Phone Number

Email Address

I (the Sponsor), understand that, if accepted, this student will go to the United States and study at the Kansas Academy of Mathematics & Science (KAMS) at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. I will provide the minimum amount of \$30,821.00 per year (an estimate which is subject to yearly fee increases) for a period of two years for the support of this student to study at KAMS. I promise that he/she will not ask for funds from the University or the U.S. government. I will also make certain this student has adequate funds to travel to/from the United States.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Sponsor's Street Address

Sponsor's City

Sponsor's Province / State

Sponsor's Country & Country Code

Sponsor's Home Phone Number

Email Address

Sponsor's Cell Phone Number

Sponsor's Fax Number

Important - ONE of the following documents must be attached:

- **original copy of the bank account statement showing total funds; or**
- **a certified original letter by your financial institution or accountant stating you have the ability to pay**

SECTION 5: Copy of Passport

Must be completed by student, or parent/guardian.

As proof of citizenship, please provide us with a copy of the first page of the applicant's passport. This is the page with the applicant's name, date of birth, passport number and expiration date.

SECTION 6: Certification of Accuracy of Information Provided

Must be completed by student and parent/guardian.

Our signatures below indicate the following, with regards to the Kansas Academy of Mathematics & Science:

- that ALL information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete, and that giving false information will make this application ineligible for admission or enrollment at KAMS (KAMS reserves the right to check and verify the accuracy of all data and information that it receives) ;
- that we understand that it is our responsibility to request official transcripts from each school that the applicant has attended be submitted to KAMS;
- that we realize that the purpose of providing KAMS with our financial data is to ensure that the applicant will not have financial difficulties while at KAMS and that KAMS or the U.S. government will not be expected to provide the candidate with financial assistance;
- that we understand that the applicant will be required to purchase Health Insurance provided by Fort Hays State University;
- that we understand that the applicant must meet all entry requirements, including TOEFL test score minimums, and completion of Algebra II and Geometry prior to beginning the first semester at KAMS;
- that we understand that all applications and supporting material must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2010 and that it is the applicant's responsibility to confirm timely receipt by calling (785) 628-4690 or emailing kams@fhsu.edu; and
- that if the applicant is accepted for admission to KAMS, we agree to adhere to the rules and regulations now in existence and those that may be established by the school in the future and that, if admitted, this student may be assigned to specific courses or sections.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Sponsor's Printed Name

Statement of Non-Discrimination:

The Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science and Fort Hays State University do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability in admission, access to, or employment in their programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance with the regulations implementing Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines is directed to contact the President's Office, Fort Hays State University, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601, (785) 628-4231.