

**Overview:** The mission of the Financial Assistance Office is to enhance student learning and personal development through the administration of federal, state, and local financial assistance and scholarship programs. In particular, the areas of service, counseling, information distribution, compliance, and aid equity will be emphasized.

**Points of Pride: 2024-2025**

- ❖ Navigated the implementation of FAFSA Simplification and move to SAI for the 24-25 school year
- ❖ Initiated efficiencies for Workday year 2 to streamline aid disbursement process for student
- ❖ Reimagined the awarding of federal work study in alignment with the student employment hiring process
- ❖ Automated awarding of new state funded need-based scholarships
- ❖ Developed and refined written processes within the Financial Assistance Office
- ❖ Completed a scholarship structure review and successfully secured a new position to assist with scholarship processing
- ❖ Completed a Cost of Attendance survey that will be used in development of 2026-2027 budgets
- ❖ Hosted a cross departmental luncheon with Student Fiscal Services to creating synergy between departments
- ❖ Developed a process for awarding Graduate Assistants facilitating the maximum usage of federal work study funds
- ❖ Hosted the first Financial Aid Fallfest professional development retreat for financial aid staff

**Focus Areas for 2025-2026:**

- ❖ Automate the returning scholarship renewal process
- ❖ Hire and train the new scholarship position
- ❖ Develop and implement a fraud prevention and identity theft process university wide
- ❖ Continue enhancing campus wide communications in relation to financial aid and scholarships
- ❖ Enhance the required federal financial aid notification process to provide staff efficiencies
- ❖ Complete the financial aid portion of the Resource Recruitment Center
- ❖ Host completion events for scholarships and FAFSA to promote student success

## By the Numbers:

- ❖ As of 6-12-25 we have processed 17,461 ISIRS for 10,761 unique students.
- ❖ 7,936 students received some form of financial assistance including scholarships, grants and loans from all source types of local, private, institutional, state, and federal.
- ❖ Disbursed \$71,061,230.05 (see chart 1), and increase of \$3,905,900.61 over the prior year. This includes a more robust scholarship initiative for the Kansas need based allocations (see chart 2).

<b>Student Award: Chart 1</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>Unduplicated Awards</b>	<b>Award Count</b>	<b>Avg Award</b>
Federal Awards	48,112,501.00	5361	17681	2,721
Grant	16,250,856.00	3151	7427	2,188
Federal Pell Grant	15,820,086.00	3126	6128	2,582
Federal	373,315.00	791	1249	299
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant				
Federal TEACH	57,455.00	24	50	1,149
Grant				
Loan	31,861,645.00	3841	10254	3,107
Federal DL Graduate PLUS Loan	131,247.00	17	26	5,048
Federal DL Parent PLUS Loan	1,096,227.00	115	224	4,894
Federal DL Subsidized Loan	8,011,368.00	2112	3908	2,050
Federal DL Unsubsidized Loan	22,622,803.00	3198	6096	3,711
Institutional Awards	7,109,651.77	3044	5909	1,203
State Awards	3,864,855.75	1402	2517	1,536
Grant	2,963,946.00	1233	2029	1,461
Scholarship	900,909.75	237	488	1,846
Total Awards	71,057,430.05	7936	37196	1,910

<b>Student Award: Chart 2</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>Unduplicated Awards</b>	<b>Award Count</b>	<b>Avg Award</b>
KS Need Based	2,341,871.29	2045	2921	802

Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship - Need Based (2)	283,447.46	354	543	522
Difference Maker Scholarship - Need Based	158,748.98	76	111	1,430
Emergency Scholarship - Need Based	2,500.00	3	3	833
Empowered Dreams - Housing	886,363.28	635	1185	748
Empowered Dreams - Tuition	8,918.57	9	12	743
Graduate School - Need Based	194,670.95	119	167	1,166
KAMS Housing - Need Based	30,000.00	6	12	2,500
Online Scholarship - Need Based	25,258.58	16	17	1,486
Sunflower Start - Graduate	362,000.00	362	362	1,000
Sunflower Start - Undergraduate	389,963.47	509	509	766
Hays Med - Corporate Graduate	4,693.10	7	8	587
Hays Med - Corporate Undergraduate	4,514.66	4	6	752
Pawnee Valley Hospital - Corporate Undergraduate	1,000.00	1	1	1,000