

## Why should I apply to Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP?

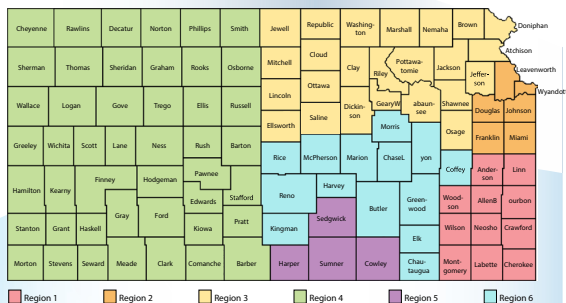
Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP can help you SUCCEED in school while preparing you for college by providing services designed to improve your academic performance.

## Who can apply?

STUDENTS grades 7-12  
who are in foster care  
OR

STUDENTS grades 7-12  
currently in state custody (KDOC/JJA)

All services are FREE for eligible students in Kansas.



Students throughout Kansas will receive educational supportive services. We help 2,500 students annually. Foster care facilities benefit from expanded services and educational assistance for their students.

## Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP Mission Statement

The mission of Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP is to increase the number of students, with foster children as priority, graduating from high school and prepared for enrollment in post-secondary education, thereby enabling children to reach their full potential and consequently improving educational and social outcomes.



## Scholarships

This program identifies resources, secures funds and awards need-based scholarships in cooperation with colleges and universities.

## Local Contact

## Eligibility

- Currently in foster care or state custody
- In 7th – 12th grade or pursuing a GED (have not received a high school diploma or GED certificate)
- Student wants to go to a four year college of their choice and complete a bachelor's degree (may go to a two year college first)
- Is eligible for a Pell Grant

## Direct Services

- College Campus Tours
- Test Preparation
- Educational Counseling
- Mentoring
- After School Programs
- Career Exploration
- Summer Academic Programs
- Academic Advising
- College Preparation
- ACT Workshops

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## Our Partners

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP works to expand existing efforts to enhance student achievement by partnering with other agencies.

- TRIO Programs
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- Kansas Board of Regents
- Private Foster Care Agencies
- Wichita State University
- Kansas State Department of Education

## Our Program

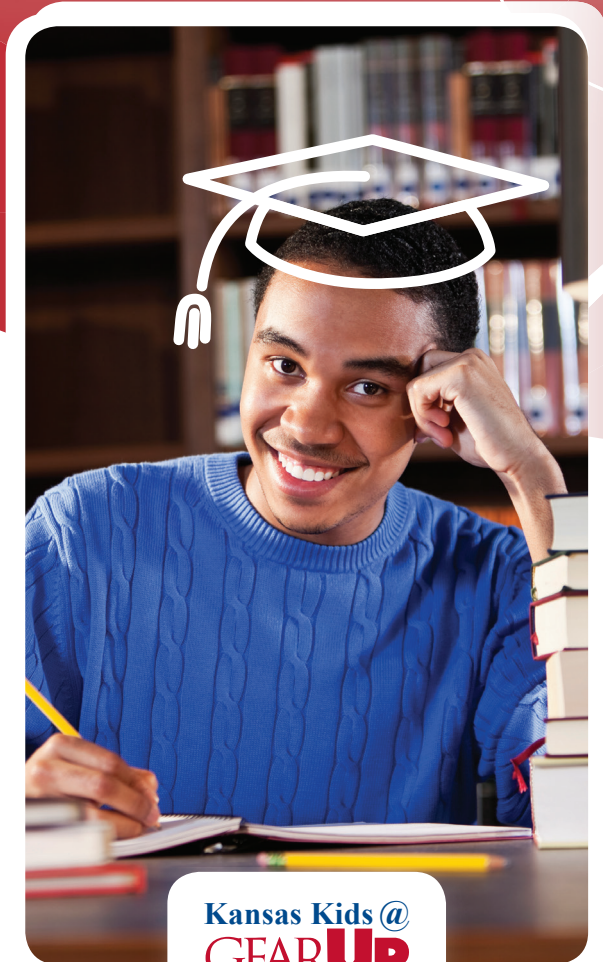
Kansas Kids at GEAR UP (KKGU) has several locations across the state. We make every attempt to serve all students that apply for and are accepted into the program. Occasionally, a student may be in a remote location that staff are unable to travel to every week. Staff will work with students, foster parents and foster care agencies to help the student benefit from and participate in KKGU events. Please visit our website to apply: [www.kkgu.org](http://www.kkgu.org)

1-866-815-5404  
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