



# 2010-11 Hixson Opportunity Award Application *Instructions*

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## Eligibility Criteria

1. Students must have faced personal challenges and/or financial hardship.
2. Students must be residents of Kansas and current high school seniors.
3. Students must be admissible to the University of Kansas by
  - Achieving an ACT score of 21 or above, or an SAT score of 980 or above, or
  - Earning at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0-point scale in the Kansas Board of Regents curriculum, or
  - Ranking in the top one-third of their high-school class.
4. Students must be entering freshmen for the Fall 2010 term at KU.
5. Students must demonstrate financial eligibility as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
6. Students whose parent(s)/guardian(s) did not earn a 4-year college degree will receive priority consideration (first generation).

## Application Procedure

1. Complete, sign and mail the application Cover Page and all required documents by **February 1, 2010**.
2. Complete the University of Kansas admissions process at [www.admissions.ku.edu](http://www.admissions.ku.edu) by **February 1, 2010**.
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) **preferably by February 1, 2010 but no later than March 1, 2010**.
  - If you are unable to use completed income tax information, FAFSA allows you to estimate income and submit corrections, if needed, after taxes are filed.
4. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who have completed all financial aid requirements on their To Do List on their KU Enroll & Pay account. Refer to your admission letter for instructions on how to access this system.

## INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

## Required Documents

1. Application Cover Page.
2. An official high school transcript, if not already submitted with your KU Admissions Application.
3. A letter of recommendation from your guidance counselor, teacher or a community leader.
  - This letter should communicate the personal challenges and/or financial hardship you have faced and your potential to succeed at the University of Kansas.
4. A 1-2 page personal statement. Be specific about the personal challenges and/or financial hardship you have faced, your potential to succeed at the University of Kansas, and your status as a first-generation student for priority consideration.

Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee based on completion of application requirements. Applications and all required documents are due **February 1, 2010**. Applications postmarked after this deadline will not receive consideration for this scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be notified by **April 1, 2010**.

## Contact Information

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Sara Vancil, Assistant Director, Office of Student Financial Aid, at 785-864-5494 or via email at [svancil@ku.edu](mailto:svancil@ku.edu).



# 2010-11 Hixson Opportunity Award Application Cover Page

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**Please print clearly or type:**

First Name

Last Name

MI

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email Address

High School Name and Mailing Address

Has either of your parents/guardians completed a four-year degree program (first generation)?  YES  NO

How did you hear about the Hixson Opportunity Award? \_\_\_\_\_

**Include the following application items with this cover page:**

- \_\_\_ 1-2 page personal statement. Be specific about the personal challenges and/or financial hardship you have faced, your potential to succeed at the University of Kansas, and your status as a first-generation student for priority consideration.
- \_\_\_ High school transcript
  - Check here if you have already submitted your official high school transcript to KU.
  - Check here if you are enclosing your official high school transcript with your application. If you are submitting an official transcript, it must be in a separate sealed envelope.
- \_\_\_ Letter of recommendation

**Also ensure the following processes are complete:**

- \_\_\_ Complete KU admission process by **February 1, 2010**.
- \_\_\_ Complete FAFSA **preferably by February 1, 2010 but no later than March 1, 2010**.

I certify the information provided on this application is complete and correct and authorize KU to release my application information to the donor, Christina Hixson, for her review as part of the scholarship selection process. If selected for this award, I authorize KU to release my name, hometown, and scholarship information to the KU Endowment Association and University Relations for publicity purposes.

Student Signature

Date

**Submit all scholarship application documents by February 1, 2010, to:**

The University of Kansas  
Attn: Hixson Scholars Advisory Council  
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## *Letter of Recommendation*

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*The letter of recommendation is to be completed by a high school guidance counselor, teacher, or a community leader. This letter is part of the application packet, which is to be postmarked by **February 1, 2010**.*

This letter of recommendation should include information detailing personal challenges and/or financial hardship that the student has faced as well as the student's potential to succeed at the University of Kansas. Please complete the information below and attach your letter of recommendation.

### Student Information:

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First Name

Last Name

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High School

### Reference Information:

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First Name

Last Name

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School/Company/Organization

Title

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Address

City

State

Zip

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Phone

Email Address

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Relationship to Student

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Signature

Date