

Counselor Corner  
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This year the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation will award 35 scholarships to Kansas High School and College students worth \$20,700.00 to assist them with their education. Scholarship Applications must be postmarked no later than Thursday, February 1, 2024. You can mail them to Kansas Kiwanis Foundation; 6021 SW 29th St, Ste A, #137; Topeka, KS 66614-6201 or email them to [kskifound@gmail.com](mailto:kskifound@gmail.com). The email address is also a resource for questions about the program.

Colby Community College is now offering a Certificate of Completion for High School students in Solar PV and Wind Technology. This unique two-semester program specifically concentrates on Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and Wind Technology. Solar PV and Wind is one of the fastest growing technologies in the energy market. Because this program is online, it gives the student the ability to learn and work from anywhere with internet access.

This program can be taken as a full-time, part time, or even a high school student. High School students can take courses for dual credit (if their school supports this program). If a high school is located in Kansas, Senate Bill 155 applies (funds the student's tuition). Students can also start this program in the fall or spring semester (every 8-weeks) Each 8-weeks, the student will participate in an online course or courses that will precisely prepare him/her for a career in Solar PV and/or Wind Technology.

If you need additional information, contact Derek Reilley, Program Director, by phone at 785-460-5431 or by email at [derek.reilley@colbycc.edu](mailto:derek.reilley@colbycc.edu). To enroll your students, please contact outreach at (785)460-4611. Classes start January 16: Drones in Renewable Energy; Wind, Battery-Based ; Solar PV Battery-Based.

ESU is preparing students for the fastest-growing career fields in the nation by elevating our computer science and cybersecurity programs, including the creation of a new Cybersecurity Research and Outreach Center with a \$1.5 million grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology. To learn more about cybersecurity at ESU, visit [emporia.edu/business](http://emporia.edu/business).

The University of Kansas Transition to Postsecondary Education (KU TPE) is a two-year undergraduate certificate program for KU students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students in TPE are fully included and take KU courses for credit; participate in student clubs and organizations; live in KU student housing (optional); participate in paid and unpaid career internships; earn a KU undergraduate certificate; participate in KU graduation; and much more. Find out more about this unique program at <https://tpe.ku.edu/about-ku-tpe>.

The Hamm Foundation scholarship is open to anyone planning a career in heavy construction or industrial arts and attending a school offering a program targeted toward those pursuits. There is no deadline to apply; applications are accepted year-round. Find out more at [www.hammfoundation.org/scholarship](http://www.hammfoundation.org/scholarship)

The University of Chicago does not want finance to prevent you from attending its school. If your family earns less than \$60,000 per year, you can attend U of C for free, including housing, dining, and more. If your family earns less than \$125,000, you receive free tuition. And the U of C application is free. Find out more at [collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu](http://collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu).

Pratt PreCollege is where high school artists, designers, and architects can begin to develop or further sharpen their skills and creative voice; as well as prepare portfolio pieces for admission to the college of choice. Winterim, Spring, and July options are available. Find out more at [www.pratt.edu/continuing-and-professional-studies/precollege/](http://www.pratt.edu/continuing-and-professional-studies/precollege/)

Deadlines to remember: December 1-Deadline to apply for Rudd Scholarship, Deadline for Hagan Scholarship; January 5-deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; Feb. 15-Final deadline to apply for FHSU scholarships; Feb. 19-Deadline to apply for Ellis Foundation Scholarship; March 8-deadline to apply for April 13 ACT; May 3-deadline to apply for June 8 ACT; June 7-deadline to apply for July 13 ACT.  
Sophomore/Juniors Days: Feb. 15 at NCKTC-Beloit; Feb. 21 at NCKTC-Hays; April 15 at FHSU