

Counselor Corner  
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The Dane G. Hansen scholarship program is available for this year. If you have a 23 on the ACT and a 3.5 GPA or better, you can compete for four-year college scholarships. Be sure your counselor has signed you up by September 8; the test/essay portion of this contest for NW Kansas will be conducted September 13. These scholarships can go anywhere in the state of Kansas.

Hansen also sponsors a Career Technical Scholarship for 8 schools in northwest/north central Kansas. There are no GPA/ACT requirements for this one, but there is an application that is due October 20. Go to <https://danehansenfoundation.org/scholarships-2/>, then click on the Hansen Career & Technical link.

Members of Congress may nominate candidates for appointment to four of the five U.S. service academies: U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), Kings Point, NY. The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), New London, CT, does not require a congressional nomination for appointment.

This is an opportunity to get a world-class education at no cost, but there is a substantial service commitment. And the competition for spots is intense. Find out more at <https://mann.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>. This is a link to Representative Tracey Mann's office.

Students in the class of 2024 who use BigFuture Scholarship Search (log in at <https://prod.idp.collegeboard.org/>) and save three scholarships to their list will earn entries in monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000. Students can search for more than 23,000 scholarships on BigFuture, based on their background, interests, and future plans. Students should login to get started. For the class of 2024, \$500 and \$40,000 are awarded monthly until February 2023.

KSDE sponsors the Cool Careers program online. Here is the latest about becoming a sheet metal Mechanic. “More than 25,000 planes take off and land each day in the United States,” correspondent Maya shares in the first video of the third season of 'Cool Careers.' “But did you know, most of these planes get their start in Kansas?” Find out more about this career and many others at <https://hirepaths.com/cool-careers-videos>.

Aspiring to a career in fashion? Get an inside look at the field with Parsons Paris. Take interactive online courses that unveil unique career opportunities and build new skills while learning to think like an industry expert. Visit our website at [bit.ly/parsons\\_gcflyer](http://bit.ly/parsons_gcflyer).

Do you have a college degree and outstanding student loans? Are you interested in living in a rural community in Kansas? Check out [www.kansascommerce.gov/program/taxes-and-financing/rural-opportunity-zones-roz/](http://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/taxes-and-financing/rural-opportunity-zones-roz/). Student loan forgiveness is available.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has a wide variety of campus visit options. See them at [go.unl.edu/visit](http://go.unl.edu/visit). The priority deadline to apply to UNL is

November 1. If you meet that deadline, you will receive your MyRED scholarship package by February 1.

Deadlines to remember: September 8: Registration Deadline for Night @ the Lab; September 27: ACT Prep Workshop at NKESC (register by September 17 to get \$60 charge), September 13-Test portion of Hansen Scholarship: September 22-deadline to apply for October 6 ACT; October 1: FAFSA opens for 24-25 school year; October 20: Hansen CT scholarship application due in Logan; November 3, deadline to apply for December 9 ACT; January 5, deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; 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.