



Scholarship Application

Knowledge Is Key, Inc. Scholarship Awards

\$2,000 Award – 1 Winner

\$1,000 Award – 1 Winner

The **Scholarship Award** will be presented to the awarded Applicants for the *August/September 2024 Semester*.

Application Instructions

Please complete the attached application form to apply for the *Knowledge Is Key, Inc. (K.I.K) Scholarship Awards*. All applications must be submitted by 11:59pm EST on **May 31st**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications **must** be submitted *by email*, in PDF format to: **info@KnowledgeIsKeyInc.org/** Subject: Scholarship Applicant

Requirements:

1. Applicant is enrolled in and can provide proof of enrolment to an accredited College, University or Trade School.
2. Applicant must submit a completed application packet, which includes all completed forms.
3. Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 (85.0) or higher at time of applying.

Scholarship Recipient Expectations:

We hold our recipients with high esteem and consider them to be an integral part of the Knowledge Is Key, Inc. family. We invite recipients of the Knowledge Is Key, Inc. Scholarship to take part in K.I.K's yearly activities and events. This may include serving as an honorary spokesperson for the scholarship year and taking part in the scoring of future applications. When applicable, we may offer internship opportunities to recipients as well. As a scholarship recipient, you will be asked to submit a personal picture or headshot that displays you in a scholarly light. By applying for the Knowledge Is Key, Inc. Scholarship, you are agreeing to the above terms and understand what is expected if selected as the recipient for the cycle in which you apply.

Important Information:

- All awards will be delivered via check and will be made payable to the College, University or Trade School the applicant is attending; personal checks are unavailable.
- All checks will be posted no earlier than the 1st of August and no later than the 10th of August of the Scholarship year, unless prior arrangements have been made.

We are excited to award 2 winners for this year's scholarship, made possible by Hanson Republic, LLC. CEO and Founder, Sadikie Hanson, who is a past Knowledge Is Key, Inc. Scholarship recipient. Follow @HansonRepublic on all social media platforms.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,
Scholarship Committee
Knowledge Is Key, Inc. "K.I.K"

Scholarship Application Checklist

Your application is not considered complete and will not be considered for review until all of the following items have been submitted before the May 31st date.

- Personal & Educational Information form
- Applicant Essay (typed)
- Reference Form
- High School Transcript **and** Transcript Request Form (high school students only)
- College Transcript (college students only)
- Extra Curricular & Community Service Activities form
- Social Media Participation

All scholarship materials **must** be emailed together as one complete packet no later than May 31st. If the application due date is 10 business days or more away, K.I.K representatives may choose to inform applicants of missing documents, but is under no obligation to do so.

Knowledge Is Key, Inc. "K.I.K"
Personal Information

First Name: _____	Last Name: _____
Address: _____ _____	Home Phone: _____
City: _____	E-Mail: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	Instagram Handle: @ _____

Educational Information

*Please **do not** complete this section if you have completed at least one semester at a college, university or trade school. This section is to be completed by graduating H.S. seniors or individuals who have not completed secondary education courses.*

High School: _____

GPA: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Which standardized test score will you submit? When was the test taken? ____/____/____
 SAT scores ACT scores

A high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores are required for all scholarship applicants who have not completed one full semester of college. Complete the top portion of the High School Transcript Request form on page 6 and present it to your school official or guidance counselor. It must be completed and returned with an official transcript to 29 Marvin Ave, Uniondale, NY 11553 in a sealed envelope from the issuing school.

College/Trade School: _____

GPA: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Graduate School: _____

GPA: _____ Graduation Date: _____

An official transcript is required from all applicants who have completed at least one full semester at a college, university or trade school. **Do not** submit a H.S. transcript. The official transcript must be sent to 29 Marvin Ave, Uniondale, NY 11553 or sent electronically by the institution's Registrar directly to **info@KnowledgeIsKeyInc.org**. Records are considered official when mailed or sent electronically by the issuing institution. Mailed transcripts must have the school's seal and should be sent in a sealed envelope.

Knowledge Is Key, Inc. "K.I.K"
Extracurricular Activities/Community Service (you may attach additional pages if needed)

Date (limit to past 2 years)	Activity Roles	Responsibilities
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

How did you hear about our scholarship?

Part I - Essay

Please select one essay topic below. Essays must be typed using the following requirements:

- Times New Roman
- 12 pt font
- 1.5 line spacing
- Essays must be between 250 to 500 words
- Applicant's last name should be written at the top each page

- A. How will this scholarship grant you access to the next phase of your life and career?**
- B. Describe how your family's culture has influenced your drive to further your studies in the field you have selected as your dream career.**
- C. Articulate the goals you have established for yourself and your efforts to accomplish them. Give at least one specific example that demonstrates your work ethic/diligence.**
- D. Describe examples of your leadership experience in which you significantly influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time. Consider responsibilities to initiatives taken in or out of school.**
- E. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and steps you have taken to address this challenge.**
- F. Identify one (1) area/component of your life (your faith, your educational experiences, your community/school involvement, etc.). Explain how this area/component inspires you to be a leader in your community.**

Part II - Social Media Participation

- A. Create a social media post(s) on Instagram (*acceptable formats for upload on Instagram include .MOV, .MPEG, .MP4, .JPG, .PNG*).**
 - Tag @Knowledgeiskeyinc and hashtag #KIKScholarship for the post to be eligible (*Remember your page must be public for us to view*).
 - This post should tell your social media followers you are applying to K.I.K's scholarship, what you hope to study or your future goals and that and you need their assistance.
- B. Ask your followers to leave comments as to why you should receive this scholarship. These comments should speak to your character, your determination and the role you play within your community. Your posts must be up by the May 31st due date and must remain up, as comments will be reviewed through September 30th.**
- C. Be sure to also like/follow @KnowledgeIsKeyInc. on all social media platforms.**

Please do not complete this request form if you have completed at least one semester at a college, university or trade school. This section is to be completed for graduating H.S. seniors, or applicants who have not yet completed a full semester of college, only.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

Student Information

First Name: _____	Last Name: _____
Address: _____ _____	Home Phone: _____
City: _____	E-mail: _____
State: _____	Zip: _____

I give permission for my official transcript and other information to be sent to Knowledge Is Key, Inc.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature (If applicant is under 18 years old) _____ **Date** _____

Authorized School Official *Please print clearly*

Please provide the following information for the student above:

High School GPA: _____	ACT Composite: _____
Date of Graduation: _____	SAT Composite: _____
Name of Authorized Personnel: _____	Title: _____

Authorized Official's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail this form with applicant's official transcript to Knowledge Is Key, Inc. 29 Marvin Avenue, Uniondale, NY 11553

Scholarship Reference Form

Due on May 31

Please have the attached form completed by a business, work or school related contact, whom is not a relative.

Dear _____,

I am applying for an academic scholarship awarded by **Knowledge Is Key, Inc.** I would like you to complete the below reference form. My application packet, along with your reference, must be submitted to the scholarship committee by May 31st in order for my application to be considered. Please feel free to attach additional pages if necessary. Please return the completed form or letter to me prior to the application due date.

Scholarship Applicant Name: _____

Scholarship Applicant Email: _____

Reference Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. What characteristics do you feel the applicant possess that make him/her a successful student?

3. What is your assessment of the applicant's ability to succeed?

4. Are there economic or unique factors that make the applicant especially worthy of scholarship support?

5. Additional comments:

Reference Signature: _____

Title: _____

Score Sheet

Criteria			Total Points Possible
Old S.A.T (Based on a Scale of 2400) <i>1000 – 1400 2 points</i> <i>1401 – 1600 4 points</i> <i>1601 – 1800 6 points</i> <i>1801 – 2000 8 points</i> <i>2001 – 2400 10 points</i>		New S.A.T (Based on a Scale of 1600) <i>600 – 800 2 points</i> <i>801 – 1000 4 points</i> <i>1001 – 1200 6 points</i> <i>1201 – 1400 8 points</i> <i>1401 – 1600 10 points</i>	10 points <i>(High School Grad Applicants Only)</i>
A.C.T (Based on a Scale of 36) <i>1-10 2 points</i> <i>11-20 4 points</i> <i>21-26 6 points</i> <i>27-30 8 points</i> <i>31-36 10 points</i>			
H.S. GPA (Based on a Scale of 100) <i>81 – 85 12 points</i> <i>85 – 90 10 points</i> <i>91 – 95 15 points</i> <i>96 – 100 20 points</i>	H.S. GPA (Based on a 4.0 Scale) <i>3.0 - 3.5 15 points</i> <i>3.6 - 4.0 20 points</i>	College GPA <i>3.4 – 3.6 20 points</i> <i>3.0 - 3.5 20 points</i> <i>3.6 - 3.9 25 points</i> <i>4.0 30 points</i>	20 points <i>(High School Grad Applicants Only)</i> 30 points <i>(College/Trade School Students Only)</i>
Essay			50 points
Extracurricular Activities/Community Services <i>1 point for each activity listed.</i> <i>Any activities listed in addition to the 10 slots provided will be considered but not scored.</i>			10 points
Social Media Activity			10 points
Total:			100

Scholarship Recipients must attain 80% or higher of the total score in order to receive the scholarship award.

Essay Score Sheet

All essays will be scored based on the below criteria

1. Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation

Individual showed great attention to detail, made very few or no spelling and grammatical errors. It appears that the writer took the time to edit and review his/her work. Punctuation errors were minimal.

2. Organization & Depth

The writer's paragraphs were in a logical order and showed a natural flow of ideas. Essay was very easy to read. The writer's sentences were clear and effectively conveyed the his/her ideas to the reader.

3. Originality & Enthusiasm

The writer was able to grab the reader's attention. The writer laid out their ideas in a way that kept the reader interested, wanting to read more. The writer took the time to input new thoughts & ideas. The writer did not repeat the same ideas from paragraph to paragraph. Readers would be intrigued to examine more of the writer's work.

4. Content

Did the writer show a thorough understanding of the topic they chose? How well does the writer expand on the topic of choice? Did the writer remain true to their topic throughout the essay?

5. Development

Did the writer develop an interesting and significant interpretive thesis statement at an appropriate scope for length of the essay? Was there ample, well-chosen evidence used to support the thesis? Did it include a thoughtful analysis? Was the supporting ideas developed thoroughly with details that are specific, relevant, and show a solid understanding of the question?