

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR ENROLLMENT WITHOUT CHARGE
BY SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS
AS PROVIDED IN K.S.A. 75-4364

WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE

K.S.A. 75-4364 provides an opportunity for spouses and dependents of certain public safety officers who died as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty to enroll in Kansas postsecondary educational institutions without payment of tuition or fees. **Enrollment without payment of tuition and fees** means that an eligible student will be allowed to enroll without payment of tuition or any mandatory fees required of all students at the time of enrollment. The student will be responsible for other charges associated with the student's academic program and living costs.

WHO IS A DEPENDENT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Dependent is defined to include a birth child, adopted child or stepchild OR any child other than the foregoing who was actually dependent in whole or in part on a public safety officer AND who is related to the public safety officer by marriage or consanguinity.

Spouse is defined as the spouse of a deceased public safety officer who has not been remarried.

Public safety officer is defined by the statute to include law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services attendants.

Law enforcement officers under this statute are persons who are vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests or with a duty to maintain or assert custody or supervision over persons accused or convicted of crime.

Firefighters are persons employed by any city, county, township or other political subdivision of the state, assigned to the fire department thereof to fight fires and protect property and persons from them.

Emergency medical services attendants are persons who hold a certificate issued by the Emergency Medical Services Board to act as any of the following: first responders, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, emergency medical technicians-defibrillator, or mobile intensive care technicians.

Persons who can establish that they were spouses or dependents of deceased public safety officers, even if the deaths preceded the effective date of the legislation, are eligible. Acceptable forms of documentation include, among others, birth and death certificates, news reports and obituaries. If the deceased public safety officer was an emergency medical services attendant, a copy of the certificate from the Emergency Medical Services Board is required.

WHEN MAY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLL

Enrollment without charge of tuition or fees will be possible for eligible individuals beginning with the fall of 1996 enrollment period. Each eligible individual may qualify for tuition and fee waiver only for a total of ten semesters of undergraduate instruction or the equivalent thereof.

WHERE MAY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLL

Enrollment without charge of tuition or fees under this statute will be possible at **Kansas educational institutions** which means public institutions such as: area vocational schools, area

vocational-technical schools, community colleges, the municipal university, Regents institutions and technical colleges.