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Shocker Promise will cover tuition and fees for eligible Sedgwick County freshmen

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The Shocker Promise scholarship has now been extended to all eligible incoming first-time freshmen living in Sedgwick County.

- The new Shocker Promise scholarship is open to any qualified high school senior who is a resident of Sedgwick County.
- The scholarship covers unmet tuition and fee costs at Wichita State.
- [See details on how students qualify for the Shocker Promise scholarship](#)

Starting fall 2022, any qualified high school senior who is a resident of Sedgwick County will be eligible to receive a scholarship covering unmet tuition and fee costs to attend Wichita State University.

That's thanks to a new scholarship created by Wichita State called the Shocker Promise. Previously available to qualified students who live in the Shocker Neighborhood, this scholarship has now been extended to all eligible incoming first-time freshmen living in Sedgwick County.

"Wichita State has always been an affordable option for local students," says Sheelu Surender, executive director of Financial Aid and Scholarships. "But through this scholarship we have gone a step further to remove all financial barriers that often prevent exceptional-need students from considering it as an option to accomplish their educational goals."

This scholarship supports Wichita State's priority to [provide an accessible and affordable education to Kansans](#).

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- Be a Sedgwick County, Kansas, resident living in the county at the time of application to Wichita State.
- Be eligible for the federal Pell Grant.
- Annual family income of \$50,000 or less.
- Be admitted for fall as a first-time freshman by Feb. 1 (graduated high school during 2021-2022 academic year).
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1 for priority consideration.
- Minimum 2.5 high school GPA.
- Enroll full-time (complete 30 hours each academic year in the fall/spring/summer semesters) in a baccalaureate degree program.

Shocker Promise funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and is renewable for four years.

[Learn more about Shocker Promise.](#)