

2024 Dickinson County Democratic Party Scholarship Application

The Dickinson County Democratic Party, (DCDP) will award one \$250 scholarship for one senior applicant from each of the 5 Dickinson County High Schools. Each school may have multiple senior applicants.

Abilene . Chapman . Herington . Hope . Solomon

Scholarship Overview:

Senior Scholarship applicants must be planning to attend a secondary school to receive the scholarship. Schools that qualify include Trade and Technical Schools, Community Colleges, Colleges and Universities.

DCDP Scholarship References:

Democratic National Committee: democrats.org

Kansas Democratic Party: kansasdems.org

Dickinson County Democrat Party: dickinsoncountymocrats.org

Scholarship Requirements:

1. All DCDP completed applications must be submitted by email to dkcodems@gmail.com by **April 10.**
2. All applications will be reviewed and awarded no later than **April 15.**
3. All scholarships awardees will be invited to the DCDP's Spring Fling event to receive their awards on **April 27.**
4. All the application pages shall be typed (12-point font size) and have the applicant's signature and date.
5. Each applicant will be required to research and write two short essays with their responses to two planks from the Kansas Democratic Party Platform. One plank will be selected by DCDP and one will be selected by the applicant.

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Welcome and thank you for applying for the Dickinson County Democratic Party's (DCDP) Scholarship.

DCDP will award one \$250 Scholarship to one senior from each one of the County High Schools. Note: There may be multiple applications from each school to be reviewed but only one senior will be awarded per school.

This DCDP Scholarship is for seniors graduating who are planning to pursue further education. The schools that qualify include Trade and Technical Schools, Community Colleges, Colleges and Universities.

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:

Address:

Address:

Phone:

Phone:

Email:

Email:

Name of High School:

Name of Trade, Technical, College:

Career Path:

Signature:

Date:

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Democratic National Committee & Kansas Democratic Party Platform

Each Presidential Election Year, each party revises, presents, and votes on their Platform during their national conventions. The 2024 DNC Platform will not be distributed until the DNC's National Convention in August 2024.

Party platforms and their planks are very important to the electoral process: They give the candidates a clear political position with which they can campaign. They give voters a sense of what the candidates believe in, the issues they think are important, and how—if elected—they will address them.

<https://teachdemocracy.org/election-central/political-parties-platforms.html>

Please review the KDP Platform Planks and write two 250 word essays. All applicants are required to write one essay on Plank #10, Securing Fair Elections. The second essay is the applicant's choice.

2021 KDP Platform & Planks

Protecting Our Communities

1. Defending Human and Equal Rights
2. Safeguarding Disability Rights
3. Caring for Children, Families, and Senior Citizens
4. Reforming Our Criminal Justice System

Achieving Universal, Affordable, Quality Health Care

5. Providing Access to Affordable Health Care
6. Recovering from the Covid-19 Pandemic

Combating the Climate Crisis

7. Protecting the Environment
8. Leading the Way in Renewable Energy

Strengthening our Democracy

9. Strengthening Public Education

10. Securing Fair Elections

Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees

11. Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees

Building a Stronger, Fairer Kansas Economy

12. Enacting Fair Taxation and Fiscal Responsibility
13. Attracting and Growing Business
14. Jobs and Infrastructure
15. Developing Strong Rural Communities
16. Supporting Our Agricultural Economy
17. Ensuring Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces

Developing a Stronger Kansas

18. Honoring Our Military and Veterans' Service to Protect our Freedoms
19. Preserving Our Quality of Life

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2021 Kansas Democratic Platform Plank #10

#10. Securing Fair Elections

Kansas Democrats believe voting is a right, not a privilege, for all citizens. It is a core principle of the Party to maximize voter participation for all Kansans. Voting is also a duty, and impediments to the exercise of that right. The sanctity and security of elections in Kansas must be protected from partisan, ideological, and personal motives.

We must make it easier to vote, not harder. We support efforts to defeat voter suppression tactics. Republicans have enacted various voter suppression laws, even though courts have found these measures violate federal law and the United States Constitution. Democrats will continue to oppose these laws and fight to preserve the fundamental right to vote.

Kansas Democrats believe prosecutorial power for election crimes should be under the jurisdiction of local prosecutors. Politicization of the Kansas Secretary of State's office, combined with new prosecutorial power, has had a chilling effect on voter registration and participation.

Kansas Democrats support:

- same-day voter registration;
- the expansion of in-person voting, including Sunday voting;
- making Election Day a legal holiday to encourage participation;
- a transition to automatic vote-by-mail for all elections;
- implementing the Help America Vote Act and requiring that polling places and elections are accessible for people with disabilities;
- ranked-choice voting;
- the National Popular Vote bill;
- making registration and voting easy and accessible, especially for those with disabilities;
- expanding drop boxes and polling places, especially in rural Kansas.

The Kansas Democratic Party supports the establishment of a non-partisan state election commission to oversee elections and a non-partisan chief state election officer. We believe county election officials should be elected by the community they serve. We also support an independent, nonpartisan redistricting commission.

Kansas Democrats believe ethics in campaigning and government are absolute principles to which our candidates and public officials must adhere. Kansas Democrats support complete transparency in campaign finance and an overturning of the "Citizens United" Supreme Court ruling which has allowed a flood of "dark money" to corrupt our political process.

We must give voters the confidence that their ballot was counted as cast by supporting mandatory, statistically meaningful post-election audits and full transparency of all election results and data. To ensure every eligible ballot is counted, vote-by-mail voters must be informed of and provided a meaningful opportunity to fix any problem with their ballot. A professional and well-trained election workforce is critical to the administration of elections. We support ongoing federal and state funding for local elections offices.

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Kansas Democratic Party Platform Plank #10 Securing Fair Elections Essay

Please provide a 250 essay with your thoughts and observations on this plank.

Kansas Democratic Party Platform Plank #

Please select one additional Democratic Platform Plank of interest. List the Plank #, Title and provide 250 word essay with your thoughts and observations.

Signature:

Date:

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