

KSDAR Scholarships Special Committee

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Purpose: To propose a course of action for the KSDAR Special Scholarships including the Genevieve Pendleton Memorial Endowment Scholarship, Elizabeth M. Kessler Scholarship, Gladys E. Routh Memorial Scholarship, and Kansas DAR Scholarship.

Background: The price of college tuition has increased at a pace much faster than that of inflation. In order to cover the increased cost, a majority of college students receive some form of financial aid, which is usually some combination of federal loans, work-study, scholarships and grants.

Several scholarships are available through KSDAR including the Genevieve Pendleton Memorial Endowment Scholarship, Elizabeth M. Kessler Scholarship, Gladys E. Routh Memorial Scholarship, Judd Smith Brooks Scholarship, and Kansas DAR Scholarship. In addition, KSDAR may award the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship annually following the rules set forth by the National DAR Good Citizen Contest.

Criteria for awarding each of these scholarships is outlined in the KSDAR Bylaws (Special Scholarships). Financial awards for three of these scholarships (Genevieve Pendleton Memorial Endowment Scholarship, Elizabeth M. Kessler Scholarship, Gladys E. Routh Memorial Scholarship) is limited to the interest earned from the original gift. The opportunity to award these scholarships is often limited by an insufficient balance to provide a scholarship in a significant amount.

Scholarship	Original Amount	Designated Fund Balance (July 2020)	Amount available for award (July 2020)
Genevieve Pendleton Memorial Endowment Scholarship	\$2,100	\$2,491.65	\$391.65
Elizabeth M. Kessler Scholarship	\$2,515.41	\$2,756.25	\$240.84
Gladys E. Routh Memorial Scholarship	\$3,000	\$3,282.61	\$282.61

The Kansas DAR Scholarship is determinate on the budget and does not have restrictive dividends to consider. The Judd Smith Brooks Scholarship was designed to award the final scholarship when the funds were exhausted.

Objectives of the Special Scholarships Committee:

- 1) Prepare a brief history of the background for the five scholarships indicated in the committee purpose.
- 2) If available, review original statements of gifts (ie - wills).
- 3) Research alternatives and provide recommendations to the KSDAR Executive Committee regarding the future of the Genevieve Pendleton Memorial Endowment Scholarship, Elizabeth M. Kessler Scholarship, and Gladys E. Routh Memorial Scholarship. Recommendations may include the dissolution of the scholarships, maintaining status quo, fundraising initiatives, or other alternatives.
- 4) Determine what, if any, items in the KSDAR Bylaws and Standing Rules will require review by the KSDAR Bylaws Committee for proposed consideration by the membership.

Reporting Requirements: Your preliminary report shall be presented to the Executive Committee at the executive committee meeting of April 22, 2021. Your report and recommendation(s) to the State Board of Management shall be sent to the State Regent and the State Corresponding Secretary no later than August 1, 2021 for distribution with the Call.