Kansas State University is the only state-supported university to rank among the Top 10 of all U.S. schools for the combined total number of scholars in Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall competitions since 1986.

Among all 500 state universities, K-State ranks first nationally in the Truman and Goldwater competitions and ties for third in the Udall competition since each foundation began awarding scholarships. K-State ties for fourth in Rhodes and is sixth in Marshall competition since 1986.

Among all 2,000 four-year colleges and universities in America — 500 public and 1,500 private — K-State ties for sixth nationally in the number of Goldwater scholarships awarded, is fifth in the number of Udall scholarships, and is sixth in the number of Truman scholarships, since the inception of each scholarship.

The Truman Foundation recognized K-State in 1996 as a Truman Scholarship Honor Institution, the first time the foundation recognized universities for their achievements in Truman competition. At that time, only 17 schools were chosen from the 454 colleges and universities which have produced Truman scholars.