**The Joey Lee Garmon Undergraduate**

**Scholarship for Student belonging**

***Deadline Date for Application: Friday, Oct. 24th, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.***

**Name** This scholarship, known as the Undergraduate Scholarship for Student Belonging, will be awarded in the amount of $700 to five (5) undergraduates of any background who demonstrate exemplary efforts to advance community building and belonging.

**Biography** The Joey Lee Garmon Undergraduate Scholarship is directed at students who have helped build belonging and recognition for academic and leadership endeavors. This scholarship was started by Barbara Baker to honor and bring long-lasting value to her brother’s life.

Joey Lee Garmon, an African American male, was born August 20, 1947. During this time period, it was not uncommon to have teachers and students engage in exclusionary practices in the classroom. When a person from a different background walked down the street, he/she was often met with harassment. In addition, Joey Lee was met with overt discrimination in seeking employment. Joey Lee Garmon was unable to find sensitive nurturing sense of belonging in either the school system or in the community. Like so many young people in desperate and hopeless situations, Joey Lee Garmon gave up on himself and turned to drugs. On August 30, 1972, at the age of 24, he committed suicide.

This scholarship recognizes that efforts of belonging and acceptance are important in all communities. Scholarship recognition validates a student’s worth not only to themselves but to the larger community as well. The Garmon Scholarship encourages students to reflect on community building and belonging, making us more aware of what is being done and what still needs to be done to make this a kinder and more tolerant world.

# Scholarship The applicant of the scholarship must meet the following criteria to receive the scholarship Eligibility:

1. The applicant must be an undergraduate of any background in good academic standing, with a strong record of leadership in student belonging, community building, and/or leadership development. Applicants may be of any ethnic group.
2. Applicants should be currently enrolled at Kansas State University as a full-time undergraduate student and must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate at Kansas State University while receiving the award.
3. Applicants must complete an application.
4. Applicants must write a one-page essay reflecting on 1) how the applicant has already contributed belonging; 2) how the applicant plans to use their education to contribute to helping others, and 3) why belonging on a university matters.
5. Students must provide ONE letter of reference. The letter should validate the applicant’s academic and leadership achievements and verify that the applicant is successfully progressing toward graduation.
6. The most recent grade point average must be provided.
7. Applicants must submit the **Release of Information Form** signed and dated by the applicant.

# Eligibility If the applicant does not submit all of the above information, the applicant will not Notification be considered eligible for the scholarship.

**Selection and** The recipient will be chosen by a scholarship committee of university

**Time Line** representatives. The applicants will be informed by email of the award selection.

The scholarships will be awarded for the spring semester and may be applied toward tuition, housing, or books.

# Application

*Please print or type.*

Name: Last First Middle

University ID #:

**E-Mail**: (print legibly)

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| **Cell Phone**  Local Address: |  |  |  | **Secondary Phone**  Permanent Address: |
| Street |  |  |  | Street |
| City | Zip Code |  |  | City Zip Code |

# Are you or will you be a full-time, undergraduate student at Kansas State University in Spring 2024? (You must be a full-time, undergraduate Kansas State student to receive the scholarship.)

**Yes No**

# Classification

Freshman Sophomore \_Junior Senior

# Grade Point Average:

Are you the first in your family to go to college (optional)? Yes No Career Choice:

Expected Graduation Date:

List high school, college, church or community activities in which you have

participated:

Special Honors and Awards:\_

Leadership Activities and Roles:

Are you employed? Yes No

If employed, where?

# \* Applicants must write a one-page essay reflecting on

# How the applicant has already contributed belonging.

# How the applicant plans to use their education to contribute to helping others, and

# Why belonging on a university matters.

Please attach your essay document along with this application.

*Applicants must sign a Release of Information form (included with this application) so the scholarship committee can verify student financial assistance and employment income.*

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All applicants will be notified as to the status of their application via email.

# Release of Information

I, , give the Undergraduate Scholarship Committee permission to verify financial assistance with the Office of Student Financial Assistance and to check on sources of income obtained from employment.

Applicant Signature Date

Return Completed Application to:

Student Belonging

c/o Ana Guanes

919 Mid-Campus Drive

224 Anderson Hall

Manhattan, KS 66506

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