

Kevin L. Stilley Service to Leadership Award

Biography

The Kevin L. Stilley Service to Leadership Award recognizes the contributions of an undergraduate or graduate student for providing service to the LGBTQ+ community in the Flint Hills Region. The award is for the 2025-2026 academic year. The award provides for continued leadership development needs of students who are involved in or committed to be involved in a registered student organization such as oSTEM @ K-State, Pride Student Veterinary Medicine Community, Sexuality and Gender Alliance, Students for Cultivating Change Kansas State, or other registered student organizations with a similar mission.

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Eligibility

Per the provider the applicant of the award must meet the following criteria. If applicant does not meet all the criteria, they may address and appeal in their essay to be submitted.

1. The recipient(s) of this award will be a student properly enrolled in any curriculum at Kansas State University.
2. The recipient(s) must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, based on a 4.0 scale.
3. The recipient(s) must be a permanent resident of the United States.

Other Criteria

The applicant must submit the following materials to be considered for the award.

1. Applicants Information Page
2. Essay Submission
3. Signed Release of Information Form

Selection Timeline

An award committee comprised of university and community leadership shall review and award scholarship. Applicants will be informed by email of the award selection for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Completed Application can be returned to:

Kansas State University Spectrum Center
Student Belonging and Inclusion
1101 Mid-Campus Drive
207 Holton Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

Electronic submissions accepted at:
spectrum@ksu.edu

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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Ethnic/Racial Status (check all that apply):

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native

☐ Biracial

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander

☐ White/Non-Hispanic

☐ Black, Non-Hispanic

☐ Hispanic/Latin American

☐ I prefer not to respond

☐ Any Not Listed _____

University Information

University ID: _____

Academic Classification: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Graduate Program: _____ Program _____ Year

Major: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Are you or will you be a full-time, undergraduate student at Kansas State University in Fall 2025? (You must be an enrolled Kansas State University student at the time of disbursement to receive the award.)

☐ Yes, ☐ No ☐ Graduate Student

Are you the first in your family to go to college (i.e., first generation college student)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Addition Information

List any/all high school, college, or community activities in which you have participated in that enhance social justice awareness or the LGBTQ+ community:

Special Honors and Awards:

Leadership Activities and Roles/Service to Community:

Potential Career Path/Choice: _____

Are you employed: ____ Yes ____ No

If you are not employed, do you plan to be and/or do you need resources for employment?

Essay

Please write your responses to the following essay prompts to help let us learn more about you. We ask you to please take care in writing your essay as they are the most important part of your application. Essays should be neatly typed, Times New Roman 12pt font, and attached. Page length or word count should not be a concern if you can convey your point efficiently. Be sure to include your name on the essay and include both prompts on the same document.

Prompt #1

What would it mean to you to be a recipient of this award? Explain to the committee how this award would be a benefit for you and help you to be successful as a K-State student.

Prompt #2

Please speak to your experience enhancing social justice issues, particularly in relation to minoritized sexualities or gender identities in the Flint Hills Community. Why do you feel social justice and recognition of sexuality and gender identity in a multicultural society is relevant today?

Signature Page

Applicants must sign a Release of Information form (included with this application) for the award committee to verify eligibility.

Release of Information

I, _____, give the committee permission to verify student enrollment status and financial assistance with the Office of the Registrar and the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Applicant Signature

Date

All applicants will be notified as to the status of their application via email. If you have questions or concerns, please contact spectrum@ksu.edu.

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K-State Notice of Nondiscrimination Kansas State University is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or other non-merit reasons, in admissions, educational programs or activities and employment (including employment of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era) as required by applicable laws and regulations. Responsibility for coordination of compliance efforts and receipt of inquiries concerning Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, has been delegated to Mr. Jason Frederick, Interim Director of the Office of Institutional Equity, Kansas State University, 103 Edwards Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-0124, (Phone) 785-532-6220; (TTY) 785-532-4807.

K-State Confidentiality Statement Kansas State University maintains various student records to document academic progress as well as to record interactions with University officials and staff. To protect the students' rights to privacy, and to conform with federal law (FERPA), the University has established a Student Records Policy. Interpretation of this policy is based on experience with educational records, and the policy itself may subsequently be modified in light of this experience. Notice of this policy and of students' rights under FERPA is given annually. Copies of this policy are available at the Registrar's Office, 118 Anderson Hall, and it is published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog and in the Course Schedules at www.ksu.edu.

It is our goal to maintain the confidentiality of any and all information submitted on this application.