

SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION STUDIES

in honor of Clarina Howard Nichols

Clarina Howard Nichols moved from Vermont to Kansas in 1855. Based in Wyandotte County, she worked professionally as a journalist, contributing articles on women's rights to the Lawrence Herald of Freedom and the Topeka Kansas Tribune. She also served tirelessly as a lobbyist and public intellectual, traveling through the Kansas Territory as a speaker for the Kansas Women's Rights Association. Largely due to her efforts, the Kansas State Constitution granted women equal rights to education, custody of their children, and voting on local school issues. After Kansas gained statehood, Nichols campaigned with Susan B. Anthony to gain full voting rights for women in the state. This scholarship for Social Transformation Studies majors recognizes the long history of activism in Kansas and supports the new generation of change-makers.

Scholarship Amount: \$5,000

Application Deadline: April 19, 2026

Eligibility

Students must be:

- Enrolled at least 12 hrs./semester at Kansas State University
- Holding Freshman or Sophomore status at the time of application
- A Social Transformation Studies major
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher

Application Materials

1. An essay of 250-500 words discussing:

- a. An obstacle you have overcome in your academic career and how it relates to Social Transformation Studies

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- b. An activist goal or a contribution to society that you have achieved or plan to achieve, and how Social Transformation Studies relates to it.

2. A resume that includes the following information:

- a. Personal Contact Information including email address
- b. Degrees pursued (minors as well as any other majors or previous degrees)
- c. Cumulative GPA
- d. Year in school (Freshman or Sophomore standing)
- e. Scholarships and Awards Received
- f. Activities and Work Experience

Submit materials to the Social Transformation Studies Department electronically by emailing the director of undergraduate studies, Dr. Rachel Levitt, levitt@k-state.edu and soctran@ksu.edu with the subject line "Scholarship Application."

By submitting this application, applicants give the STRAN Department permission to verify their academic standing at K-State