



Great Plains IDEA Excellence Award

The Great Plains IDEA Cabinet will grant five (5) \$1000 awards annually for a total of \$5000. Students can apply annually, however preference will be given to students who have not received previous financial support from Great Plains IDEA. Application materials should be submitted through the online application system ([Great Plains IDEA Excellence Award Online Application Form](#)).

Applicant Qualifications:

Students must:

- have been admitted to a Great Plains IDEA member university
- have been admitted to a Great Plains IDEA degree granting program (bachelor, master, or certificate)
- have completed a minimum of two (2) Great Plains IDEA courses
- have an academic plan for degree completion on file with their home university
- be able to demonstrate financial need

Application Process:

The application process will include submission of:

- application form
- unofficial transcript
- academic plan for degree completion
- one (1) page resume or curriculum vitae
- 500 word essay describing the student's professional and academic goals, plan for degree completion, description of financial need and expected uses/benefits of scholarship funds
- letter of endorsement from the student's Great Plains IDEA academic advisor or Great Plains IDEA faculty member verifying the student's progress in the academic program

Scholarship Guidelines and Information:

* Applications **must be completed by June 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** Awards will be announced July 1, 2017 and funds will be distributed by August 15, 2017. Additional information may be requested by Great Plains IDEA or the home university prior to distribution of funds. Students will be responsible to report receipt of funds to all appropriate parties.

*Funds may be used for educational expenses such as tuition and books or towards other costs of attendance (i.e. childcare, educational technology, cost of living).

* Applications will be evaluated by a team of three (3) Great Plains IDEA Cabinet members. A rubric will be used to evaluate applications and determine award recipients.

Please direct any questions regarding the scholarship and application process to Carol Gould, Great Plains IDEA Executive Director (cgould@ksu.edu) or Amanda Fairbanks (ajfairbanks@ksu.edu) at the Great Plains IDEA Lead Institution.