

# 2017-18 AEGON/Transamerica Foundation Kirkwood Scholarships For Students with Disabilities

## What is the AEGON/Transamerica Foundation Kirkwood Scholarship?

Grant Wood AEA (GWAEA) administers this \$650 scholarship for students with disabilities (have a current IEP) who attend/attended a high school within the GWAEA service area\* and will attend/attend Kirkwood Community College (KCC). Two scholarships each year are made available through the generosity of the AEGON/Transamerica Foundation. Scholarship recipients will have \$325 deposited into a KCC account in their name in the fall. An additional \$325 will be deposited in the spring semester if the student receives passing grades in the fall on nine or more credits.

\*The GWAEA service area includes high schools in Alburnett, Anamosa, Belle Plaine, Benton Community, Cedar Rapids, Center Point-Urbana, Central City, Clear Creek Amana, College Community, English Valleys, Highland, HLV, Iowa City, Iowa Valley, Linn-Mar, Lisbon, Lone Tree, Marion, Midland, Mid-Prairie, Monticello, Mount Vernon, North Cedar, North Linn, Olin, Solon, Springville, Tipton, Vinton Shellsburg, West Branch, Washington, and Williamsburg.

## Who May Apply

- **Seniors with IEPs attending a high school within GWAEA** who plan to attend KCC in the fall of 2017, or
- **KCC students currently enrolled in VITAL** who plan to continue at KCC after exiting the VITAL program.

## How to Apply

Each applicant for the AEGON/Transamerica KCC scholarship must submit the following:

1. **The completed application form** (below). Forms may be hand printed, but **typing is preferred**.
2. **A typed, one-page letter from the student** describing his or her:
  - *Career goal*, how and why this goal was selected and what they've done to prepare for this career;
  - *Planned major/course of study* at Kirkwood and how a KCC education will help reach those goals;
  - *Why they need a college scholarship* and how it will help them pursue their dreams; and
  - *A description of a challenge or obstacle* that the student faced and what he or she did to overcome it.
3. Applicants must **attach two (2) letters of recommendation**. At least one letter must be from an educator (teacher, counselor, or school administrator) who knows the student well. The second letter could be from an educator, employer or other non-family member. The letters should address:
  - *How long and under what circumstances* has the writer known the student;
  - *Academic or work qualities of the applicant*—has the student taken coursework that will prepare him/her for success at Kirkwood? Has the student had regular attendance? What kind of an employee has the student been?;
  - *Personal qualities* of the student (if from either an educator or employer/other), things like the student's work ethic, attitude toward studies or work, classmates/co-workers/staff, and attendance/punctuality; and
  - *Reasons why* the writer feels the student should be awarded this scholarship, including how the student has dealt with challenges or obstacles.
4. **All applicants** must attach a **high school transcript** showing cumulative grade point average (GPA).

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5. **VITAL program applicants** must **also** attach a **Kirkwood transcript** showing GPA.
6. **An official high-school attendance record** for the current school year; **or**, if attending VITAL, **a completed VITAL attendance form** signed by a VITAL teacher. See last page of application for this VITAL attendance form.

#### **Application Deadline and Submission Instructions**

1. **All scholarship materials** (application forms, letters, transcripts, attendance information) must be submitted together. **Incomplete applications** will **not** be **reviewed**.
2. **Send original full set of materials to:** Megan Burke-Brunschenn, Grant Wood AEA, AEGON/Transamerica Foundation Kirkwood Scholarship, 4401 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.
3. Applications **must be received by 4:00 pm, Friday, March 31, 2017.**

#### **Other Requirements**

1. **Students must have applied and been accepted** for admission **to their desired KCC program** to be eligible.
2. The recipient must **enroll in at least nine (9) credit hours** as a Kirkwood student each semester.
3. **Recipients must write a thank you letter** to the donor and submit it to Megan Burke-Brunschenn, Grant Wood AEA, AEGON/Transamerica Foundation Kirkwood Scholarship, 4401 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 **by June 1, 2017.**
4. Students may **not have received** an AEGON/Transamerica Foundation scholarship **in the past**.

**2017-18 AEGON/Transamerica Foundation Kirkwood Scholarship Application Form**

*Please type or print. Answer all questions.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently attending (check one):  High School?  KCC and the VITAL Program?

Your high school: \_\_\_\_\_ Your IEP teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

High school cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ **If currently in VITAL, Kirkwood GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days absent this school year \_\_\_\_\_

[If in high school, **submit a signed, school-generated attendance record**; or, if in VITAL, **complete VITAL Program Attendance Verification form** on last page of application.]

State any extenuating circumstances contributing to these absences: \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of your anticipated college expenses (books, tuition, transportation, living expenses) will be paid by: You \_\_\_%; Family \_\_\_%; VITAL \_\_\_%; Vocational Rehabilitation \_\_\_%; Other \_\_\_% (describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

Briefly discuss any financial circumstances that make it important for you to receive this scholarship.

Desired major/field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you apply to this Kirkwood program?  Yes  No; Have you been accepted?  Yes  No

Have you been referred to the VITAL Program?  Yes  No

If yes, have you completed the paperwork and conferences?  Yes  No

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**Indicate your participation in the following college/career preparation activities:**

◆ **I have had a job shadow:**  Yes  No If yes, approximate date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation(s) observed: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ **I have had an internship:**  Yes  No If yes, approximate date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_ In your desired career field?  Yes  No  
What were your major responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_

◆ **I have had a paid job in my desired career field:**  Yes  No If yes, dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_ What were your major responsibilities?  
\_\_\_\_\_

◆ **I have had a paid job outside my desired career field:**  Yes  No If yes, dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where: \_\_\_\_\_ Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ **I have had a volunteer experience:**  Yes  No If yes, approximate dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Have you **visited Kirkwood or attended a TGIF session**? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**List activities and honors received** (e.g., extra-curricular clubs/activities, church, 4-H, scouts, awards)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the TWO (2) REFERENCES** whose letters of recommendation you have attached.

Remember that at least one letter must be from someone in the field of education.

**Name**

**Title**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**The above questions have been answered to the best of my ability, and I certify them as being correct.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- ◆ **Please attach your typed letter** describing your career/education goal, how attending KCC will help you reach this goal, why you should be awarded this scholarship and how it will help you, and a description of a challenge or obstacle that you've overcome.
- ◆ **Attach** your two **letters of recommendation**.
- ◆ **Attach** your **high school transcript showing GPA** and, if currently in VITAL, your **KCC transcript**.
- ◆ **Attach** your **high school-generated attendance record** signed by a school official that shows the number of absences for the current school year; **or**, if currently in VITAL **complete the VITAL Attendance Verification Form** below.

**Originals of this completed application, and all required materials must be received by 4:00 pm, Friday, MARCH 31, 2017**

**Send to:**

Megan Burke-Brunschcen, Grant Wood Area Education Agency  
AEGON/Transamerica Foundation Kirkwood Scholarship  
4401 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-4499

**Questions? Call Megan at (800) 332-8488, extension 6545 or mbrunschcen@gwaea.org**

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**VITAL Program Attendance Verification**

***Current VITAL students must complete this form and have it signed by a VITAL instructor.***

\_\_\_\_\_ is a student enrolled in the VITAL program at Kirkwood Community College. This is to certify that, during the first semester, \_\_\_\_\_ attended \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ scheduled VITAL sessions. During the second semester, s/he attended \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ scheduled VITAL sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
VITAL Instructor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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