

## Senate Education Committee March 10, 2020

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Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Committee, you had several questions during my testimony presented yesterday on HB 2515, the Promise Scholarship Program, and I provide additional clarification below.

## **Qualifying Institutions**

Senator Rucker asked for clarification on which institutions would qualify to participate in the program. Any of the 26 public community and technical colleges would qualify, as would those Kansas private independent institutions that offer certificate or associate degree programs.

Allen Community College Barton Community College **Butler Community College** Cloud County Community College Coffevville Community College Colby Community College Cowley Community College Dodge City Community College Fort Scott Community College Garden City Community College Highland Community College **Hutchinson Community College** Independence Community College Johnson County Community College Kansas City Kansas Community College Labette Community College Neosho County Community College **Pratt Community College** 

Seward County Community College Flint Hills Technical College Manhattan Area Technical College North Central Kansas Technical College Northwest Kansas Technical College Salina Area Technical College Washburn Institute of Technology WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology **Baker University** Barclay College Central Christian College of Kansas Donnelly College Hesston College Manhattan Christian College MidAmerica Nazarene University Ottawa University Southwestern College

## Repayment of Scholarships

Senator Sykes had a question on the extent to which persons who received awards through our service scholarship programs went into repayment status or who elected to repay the award, rather than meet the service requirements. A variety of circumstances can influence why someone who has entered into a service scholarship agreement might elect to pay the

indebtedness in lieu of meeting the service obligation. In some cases, personal life circumstances can deviate from original plans, or perhaps a future employer offers to pay off the indebtedness. The latter circumstance is found more commonly in some occupations than others – i.e., where there are more extensive workforce shortages and employers are competing for talent. In order to reply in a prompt manner, we provide the requested information for each of our programs, as of today's date.

Kansas Service Scholarships Recipient Status as of March 10, 2020		
Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship	76%	24%
Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship	42%	58%
Kansas ROTC Service Scholarship	53%	47%
Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance	99%	1%
Kansas Nurse Educator Service Scholarship	62%	38%
Kansas Optometry Service Scholarship	89%	11%
Kansas Osteopathic Service Scholarship	52%	48%

Source: KBOR Student Financial Assistance records

Our Board is pleased that the topic of student financial aid is coming to the forefront of the legislative process and we are happy to work with you on crafting options that suit the needs of our state. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to talk about the solutions our system of higher education can offer the State of Kansas.

<sup>\*</sup>In-service includes students who are currently employed or who have fulfilled their obligation through service.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Non-Service includes students who are in repayment or who have repaid their obligation to the program.