

Scholars Application Preview for 2026-2027

DEADLINE for priority application is February 20, 2026. We will continue to accept applications until the program is full. Please check your eligibility before applying.

Potential Integrated Health Scholars must:

- Be a current foundation year KU MSW student in good standing or an incoming advanced standing student/applicant beginning a clinical practicum in fall 2026
- Reside in rural Kansas
- Per federal guidelines, must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Work with the Practicum Office to successfully secure a qualifying Scholars practicum.

Please note: IHSP practicums are limited.

Please note: Your application will not be considered complete until you submit a current resume and letter of recommendation. You will have the opportunity to attach these materials at the end of the application form. You will also receive instructions for submitting these items separately, if necessary, after completing the survey.

Before you proceed with completing this application, it is highly recommended that you view the video, **Social Workers in Integrated Health Care**, available on the Scholars website to learn more about integrated health care and whether it is a fit for you.

Application Questions

First and Last Name

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone & Email - If available, KU email address preferred

What campus are you attending, or did you apply to?

Please indicate your student status (full-time, part-time, incoming advanced standing)

Current GPA or Undergraduate GPA

Are you bilingual? Please indicate language and fluency level

Where did you do your foundation/generalist year or BSW practicum?

Where will you be residing (city/state) during the 2026-27 academic year?

The primary goal of the Scholars Program is to increase the number of social workers providing integrated care services in rural Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHCs) in Kansas. Accordingly, we prioritize placing Scholars in practicum settings at rural FQHCs.

However, students placed in other rural Kansas integrated care settings – such as Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers or hospitals – may also be eligible. Applicants to the Scholars Program will work closely with the Practicum Office which is responsible for matching students with eligible practicum placements.

Please indicate your current status in the practicum planning process.

What are you hoping to learn in a field practicum next year, and how does this fit with your plans for a social work career after graduation?

Describe an experience you had working as part of an interprofessional team or working with a group of people who had different perspectives than you. How did you communicate and resolve any disagreements?

Describe a situation, personal or professional, when you were outside your comfort zone. Identify the challenges and how you managed those challenges.

Describe any personal or professional experience in rural or medically underserved communities and how that relates to your interest in this program.

Additional Materials

Applicants must submit two additional items for a complete Scholars application: 1) a current resume and 2) a letter of recommendation. It is recommended that you upload these items at this time, however, after you submit this application form, you will receive an email that includes instructions for how to submit one or both of these items by email. PLEASE LABEL YOUR FILE WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME

The letter of recommendation should address your experience, personal qualities and what makes you a good candidate for the Scholars Program.

- Current students, please provide a letter from your practicum instructor, if possible
- Incoming students, please provide from a work or volunteer supervisor

Please submit all additional application materials by Feb 20, 2026 for priority consideration.

How did you hear about the Scholars Program?