DATE: April 2nd, 2021

TO: Gwendolyne Hawley Trust Scholarship Award Applicants & Sponsors

FROM: Jon Harding, Superintendent ~ Kansas State School for the Blind

RE: 2021 Gwendolyne Hawley Trust Scholarship Award Program

**About The Award Program**

The Gwendolyne Hawley Trust Scholarship Award Program is designed to assist deserving post-secondary students who are blind or visually impaired with their education. Students are selected for the awards based on a variety of factors that indicate their high potential to make our investment in their future a worthwhile venture.

The Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) and its foundation, the KC Blind All-Stars, are responsible for distributing the Gwendolyne Hawley Trust on behalf of the Hutchinson Community Foundation. The late Mrs. Hawley, of Hutchinson, Kansas, left this trust to assist blind students with their post-secondary education. This will be the 24th year the scholarship has been awarded. The amounts of the scholarship award(s) have ranged from *$500 to $3,350*. Please share this information with others who are familiar with students who meet the following criteria:

* Kansas resident who is blind or visually impaired.
* Enrolled in or entering a formal course of study via one of the following by September, 2021.
	+ ***Vocational Training Program*** – must be licensed and accredited
	+ ***College***
	+ ***University***
* Taking nine (9) hours (or the equivalent) of undergraduate courses, or six (6) hours (or the equivalent) of graduate courses.
* Must be sponsored by a teacher, counselor, professor, or other professional involved with the applicant in an official capacity. (see Sponsor form)
* Must complete all required components of the application and provide all required documentation.

 ***Application Deadline is June 25th, 2021***