Several area students are among the 6,500 at the University of Kansas who will receive an estimated $29.6 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Virtually all scholarships, fellowships and awards at KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment.

In the past five years, KU Endowment has provided more than $118 million in scholarships, fellowships and awards to KU students.

Area students receiving scholarships are:

- Council Grove – Molly Aldrich - School of Pharmacy scholarships; Amanda Collier - Homer Hoyt scholarship; Abigail Frese - Cecil Mac Longabaugh Stucky memorial scholarship; Benjamin Hornung - Clyde Babb scholarship; Tasha Messer - Robert Buchanan Class of 1927 scholarship; Timothy McCintock - Paul Hansen memorial scholarship; Brenda Pracht - Roy and Loretta Gee Pharmacy scholarship; Jacob Smith - Dixon scholarship; Kelsey Smith - Robert Buchanan Class of 1927 scholarship; and Kaitlin Tyner - Hazel Allison scholarship.

- Alma – Carolyn Haller - Emily Berger scholarship.

- Cottonwood Falls – Noah Lock - Ellis Bever undergraduate scholarship, and Grace Pearson alumni scholarship; Brian Palermo - Anschutz scholarship; and Erica Tanner - Kendall Laughlin memorial scholarship.
Rachel L. Berry, a junior at the University of Kansas, has joined the KU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. A graduate of Abilene High School, she is the daughter of Marlin and Judy Berry.

Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest and largest all-discipline academic honor society. KU established its chapter in 1975. Today, there are about 300 members. At KU, only the top 10 percent of seniors, top 7.5 percent of second-semester juniors with more than 72 credit hours and top 10 percent of graduate students are asked to join.