

GRASSHOPPER TRUST
VERA WATERS EDUCATIONAL TRUST
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**KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR REFERENCE
READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION FORM**

This educational trust was established in 1976 to aid deserving and needy students with financial assistance. Although the primary consideration used to determine the amount of each grant or loan is financial need, it is permissible to include academic performance, motivation, character, ability and potential. To assess the need of each applicant some prerequisites must be met to receive and maintain a grant.

Hereinafter the use of "office" refers to the Grasshopper Trust shown above and the use of "trust" refers to the Grasshopper Trust shown above.

Two Trustees are provided under the trust agreement and shall administer the Trust. A Selection Committee of three shall be appointed by the Trustees from the general area. Any Recipients shall be determined **ONLY** by the Selection Committee.

Prerequisites for consideration to receive an educational grant or loan:

1. The student must reside in, or their parents or either of them, must reside in the counties of **MEADE, FORD, GRAY, CLARK, GRANT, MORTON, OR STEVENS COUNTY IN KANSAS.**
2. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING** which may be brought, mailed, or faxed to the office before the May 15th deadline:
 - **APPLICATION.** This application form is available at the Office, High Schools (in above counties), or upon request by mail or telephone. Be sure all parts are completed.
 - **STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR).** The SAR may be obtained on-line or from your Financial Aid Office. The SAR must contain information listing previous Federal Government Loans received by the applicant.
 - **PARENTS' FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN (CURRENT).** All dependent students must submit a copy of their parents' Federal income tax return.
 - A. In the case of divorced parents, the student must submit the income tax return of the parent who received a tax deduction for the student.
 - B. Income tax schedules required include only first page and back page of forms 1040, 1040A or 1040 EZ. No other documents need to be submitted.
 - **STUDENT'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN.** A copy of the student's current federal income tax return if one is required to be filed.
 - **FINANCIAL AID AWARDS LETTER.** All students are required to submit a final copy of their financial aid awards letter from the college.
 - **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT.** An official transcript must be sent by your College to the Office at the end of each semester. Applicants currently graduating from high school need to provide a transcript of all college hours completed.
 - **RE-APPLY EACH YEAR.** A student must re-apply each year using a new application. The deadline is always May 15th even if the applicant might not be eligible to receive a grant for the fall semester.

ALL APPLICATIONS, STUDENT AID REPORTS (SAR), COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS, AND THE FINANCIAL AID AWARDS LETTER FROM YOUR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY, MUST BE IN THE OFFICE PRIOR TO MAY 15TH.

REQUIREMENTS AFTER RECEIVING A GRASSHOPPER TRUST GRANT:

1. **SIGN A RELEASE FORM.** The office of Financial Aid will be sent a **RELEASE FORM** from the Trust which each student will need to sign before receiving his/her grant. (A "Privacy Act" requirement.)
2. **SUPPLY CONTACT INFORMATION.** You must provide the Trust Office with your current college address, phone number, or e-mail address to enable us to contact you when necessary.
3. **MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:**
 - **A. ENROLL IN A MINIMUM OF TWELVE (12) HOURS.** The student must carry a minimum of twelve hours each semester in the General Academic Degree curriculum in a school approved by the General Accrediting Association.
 - **B. MAINTAIN A MINIMUM GPA OF 2.00.** The student must make a reasonable progress and receive a minimum of a 2.00 Grade Point Average each semester based on a 4.00 grade system. GPA is determined by taking the total number of hours in which the student is enrolled (including any classes shown as a withdrawal or pass/fail) divided into total grade points. (Withdrawal or pass/fail hours are included because Trust funds are used for tuition costs. **Repeat classes** will not be paid for or counted in total hours enrolled or GPA Averages.
 - **C. RESULTS OF NONCOMPLIANCE.** Failure to meet minimum standards requires that the student attend one semester without a grant. If minimum standards are met, eligibility is restored.
4. **SUPPLY COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS.** To determine eligibility the Trustees require that an official transcript is submitted at the **end of each semester.**
5. **CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS.** Trust guidelines for grants give the **highest funding priority to new students** (current high school graduates) and **Continuing Students** (attended college full-time the past school year). **Returning Students** (did not attend college as a full-time student for some period since graduation from high school) will be considered only if there are excess funds.
6. **LENGTH OF ELIGIBILITY.** Students may receive a Trust Grant for up to eight semesters or a degree, whichever comes first. For exceptions please check with the Office.
7. **STUDENTS 18 YEARS OR OLDER.** The Privacy Act requires the Trust to work directly with students 18 years of age or older. No information can be released to parents or can parents act in the place of an applicant/grantee. However, the Trust will help students or parents in any way that is reasonably possible.
8. **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY.** The application is the sole responsibility of the applicant and not the Trust. Please fill out the attached application completely. The student should check with the Trust office to be sure that his/her file is complete **BEFORE THE MAY 15TH DEADLINE.** Any change in application information should be reported immediately to the Trust.

We hope this guideline will help answer any questions you have pertaining to the Grasshopper Trust. We will expect all requirements to be met; however, extraordinary circumstances sometimes occur. If so, contact the Office by phone or by mail to discuss the problem.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The primary consideration used by the Grasshopper Trust to determine the amount of each grant is *need*. The more complete the financial information available, the greater the accuracy in evaluating the need of the applicant. One indicator is the EFC number assigned to each student upon completion of the SAR. However, debts of applicant families are not used in assessing this number. The following financial information is beneficial:

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1. Business Assets	\$	\$
2. Business Debts	\$	\$
3. Farm or Family Assets	\$	\$
4. Farm or Family Debts	\$	\$
5. Investment Assets	\$	\$
6. Investment Debts	\$	\$
7. Trust Assets	\$	\$
8. Trust Debts	\$	\$
9. Amount in Interest Bearing Accounts	\$	\$
10. Annual Earnings	\$	\$
11. Total Amount of unsubsidized loans	\$	\$
12. Total Amount of subsidized loans	\$	\$

If you received **additional funding from any of these sources:** Veterans Administration, Social Security Administration, inheritance, trust fund, family members, or any other source, please indicate the source and the amount below.

Source _____ Amount \$ _____
 Source _____ Amount \$ _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:

In signing this application, I acknowledge that the information provided to the GRASSHOPPER TRUST is accurate. I also agree to supply to the trust in a timely manner any information necessary to assess need and to administer any grant which I might receive. This would include the responsibility of providing updated transcripts, copies of my SAR, Federal Income Tax records, and award letters. This statement may also be used as consent that my college or university may release information including grades, hours, classes, and financial aid to Grasshopper Trust.

Dated _____, 20____.

Applicant's Signature _____
 Please Print Name _____

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YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL PARTS OF THIS APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: _____ **SS#:** _____
Marital Status: _____ **Number of Dependents:** _____

Applicant's Home Mailing Address: _____

Email Address(s): _____

Home Telephone No: _____ **Personal College No:** _____

High School Graduated: _____ **Year:** _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent's Names: _____

Size of household including yourself and parents _____
Number attending college as full-time students _____ as part-time students _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Are you a new student _____, Continuing Student _____?

List any college or university previously attended, include college hours taken while in high school:

Name of College _____ Years Attended _____

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Name of College you will attend: _____

Degree (BA, BS, AA, AS) Major area of study: _____

Expected Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____

College Mailing Address: _____

College Telephone Number(s) _____

College email address: _____

(If your email, phone number or address change, please notify the Grasshopper Trust!)

Personal Statement

If you wish to be considered for a scholarship, please use the space provided to write a personal statement in your own handwriting and in ink. Write any statement you wish about your application for a scholarship that you feel will enhance your candidacy for the award. Attach additional sheets if necessary.