



KANSAS COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

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The Kansas Court Reporters Association is offering their annual scholarship to students who live or study court reporting in Kansas. We believe the future of reporting in Kansas begins with its students and as such, this association is honored to support students of court reporting in Kansas who will someday enter the field of reporting as freelancers, officials, and CART and broadcast captioners.

The scholarship to be awarded through KCRA's Education Fund is \$500. The recipient will be notified by October 9th, 2023, and will be recognized at KCRA's Business Luncheon, to be held this October 27th, 2023, in Olathe, Kansas, at the Johnson County Courthouse. The scholarship is to be utilized at the student's discretion.

The following information will outline what is expected for an essay submission. The essay shall consist of 250-300 words, double-spaced, with one-inch margins in Size 12 Arial or Courier fonts. The essays will be judged for content, proper grammar and punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.

Students need to submit a separate cover page with their name, address (both physical and e-mail), and a telephone number where you can be reached. In the cover page, please tell us the school or program you are attending and the speed you are currently focused on in the program. (Coversheet included.)

Essays and cover pages are to be attached in PDF format to an e-mail sent to Jennifer Olsen, Educational Scholarship Committee, at Jennifer.Olsen@kscourts.org.

The deadline for submission is Monday, October 2nd, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

This year's essay question is: **Today, we note a reduction in the number of court reporters and a growing number of suggested alternative methods being examined to fill the void (i.e., digital recording, digital reporters, artificial intelligence). The current gold standard of preserving and protecting the record is a live court reporter.**

With fewer reporters in the profession, what supportive measures can state courts and legal communities implement to increase and retain reporter numbers? Some areas to consider might be investment in education, tuition/grants, journeymen/employment opportunities, et cetera. Please think outside the box.

P.S. Gathering information today may one day provide solutions that support this profession and the continuing education of the public.

We look forward to hearing from you, and good luck!

Jennifer Olsen, C.S.R.
KCRA Educational Scholarship Committee



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2023 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

School Program: _____

Program Start Date: _____

Current Speed Level: _____

Questions: Jennifer Olsen – jenolsenrpr@gmail.com