

The University of Kansas 2026 Robert Hemenway Public Service Award

Award:

- ◆ The selected recipient of the Robert Hemenway Public Service Award will receive \$1,250 in the fall of 2026.

Award Description:

The Dole Institute of Politics established the Robert Hemenway Public Service Award in May of 2009 in honor of the 16th Chancellor of the University of Kansas upon his retirement. The award is given annually to a KU student who has demonstrated a commitment to making a difference for KU students, and furthering the idea of service on campus and within the community; the overriding criterion for this award is commitment to public service, with demonstrated leadership. **This award goes to a student leader, respected by peers, who is concerned with strengthening civic life at the University of Kansas.**

Eligibility for Award:

- ◆ Junior status Spring 2026, with at least one semester to complete at the University of Kansas.
- ◆ Applicants must be enrolled as a full time University of Kansas undergraduate student during the 2026 academic year.

Application Process:

All applications will be screened and finalists will be selected for interviews.

- ◆ Students interested in applying for the award must submit a completed application and an essay on your public service by the stated deadline. Completed applications, with all supporting materials, are due by **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026. Applications may be submitted electronically to bballard@ku.edu**
- ◆ Finalists will be notified for interviews.

Robert Hemenway Public Service Award Responsibilities:

- ◆ Serve as Co-Chair for the Planning Committee for the 2026 KU Civic Engagement and Leadership Events including coordinating Voter Registration on KU Campus.
- ◆ Be a participating member on the Dole Institute Student Advisory Board during the 2026 fall semester.
 - ◇ More information on the Dole Institute Student Advisory Board is available at <http://doleinstitute.org/get-involved/for-students/student-advisory-board/>

Application Requirements:

Please attach typed answers to this application.

Essay Question: Please answer the following question in 250 words or less:

- ◆ **Why is public service important and what impact does public service have on the campus and the broader community?**

Please list the following of which you are currently or have been involved:

- ◆ Organizations, clubs, honor/professional societies, or other affiliations
- ◆ Leadership positions held
- ◆ Honors, awards, or scholarship(s) you have received
- ◆ Other activities or programs with which you have been associated and feel are applicable to this award

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Required:

Junior status Spring 2026, with at least one semester to complete at the University of Kansas.

This application should be completed by the student applicant and returned to the Dole Institute of Politics at **bballard@ku.edu**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

(Please type or print in black or blue ink)

General Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

KU Student ID #: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Campus Address: _____
 _____ Cell Phone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email: _____

Educational Information:

College(s) Attended	Period Attended	Degree	Cumulative GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Date of original enrollment at the University of Kansas: _____

Major: _____

Additional Major/Minor: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Academic/Career Goal: _____

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Student Acknowledgement

I hereby certify that:

- ♦ The information provided on this application is accurate and I understand that an incomplete application will result in my being ineligible for this award.
- ♦ I understand that I am expected to be enrolled as a full time student at the University of Kansas during the 2026 academic year.
- ♦ I understand that, if selected, I am expected to be a Co-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2026 KU Civic Engagement and Leadership Events including coordinating Voter Registration on campus.
- ♦ I understand that, if selected, I am expected to be a participating member of the Dole Institute Student Advisory Board for the 2026-fall semester.

Signature of Nominee: _____ Date: _____

Please e-mail or deliver the completed application and essay to:

Dr. Barbara Ballard - bballard@ku.edu

Dole Institute of Politics

2350 Petefish Drive, Lawrence, KS 66045

by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026