

## **The University of Kansas Robert Hemenway Public Service Award 2026-2027 Academic Year**

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 year to complete at the University of Kansas.
- ◆ Applicants must be enrolled as a full time University of Kansas undergraduate student during the 2026-2027 academic year.
- ◆ Completed Application and 250 word essay required.

### **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 Friday, April 24, 2026. Applications may be submitted electronically to [bballard@ku.edu](mailto: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 year 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 2026-2027 academic year.**
- ♦ **I understand that, if selected, I am expected to be a Co-Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2025 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](mailto:bballard@ku.edu)**

**Dole Institute of Politics**

**2350 Petefish Drive, Lawrence, KS 66045**

**by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026**