

The State Deaf-Blind Fund

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Overview

Local education agencies (ages birth through 21 years) who have students with current certification on the Deaf-Blind Census may submit an application for consideration.

Procedures

A State Deaf-Blind Fund application for a student who currently is certified on the Kansas Deaf-Blind Census may be submitted during the application window. The application window opens **April 1st and closes August 10th**. Applications will be reviewed by KSDE for approval.

Students who are not deaf-blind, but have severe cognitive and significant disabilities may apply January 1 for the State Deaf-Blind Fund until it is depleted. Students who receive homebound services from the local education agency also **ARE** eligible to receive state deaf-blind funds. Students who are home schooled and do not receive services from the local education agency **ARE NOT** eligible for state deaf-blind funds.

KSDE does not manage the Kansas Deaf-Blind Census. Kansas Deaf Blind Census recruitment and membership is led by staff of the Kansas Deaf-Blind Project, housed at the Kansas School for the Blind. Contact Katie Paul Project Director at kpaul@kansasblind.gov for more information.

Timeline

Due dates for submitting applications and reimbursement have been modified as follows:

Submission for reimbursement needs to occur as early as possible. There are two application windows.

April 1	OPEN current school year application window for students who are currently certified and on the Kansas Deaf-Blind Census.
August 10	CLOSE current school year application window for students who are currently certified and on the Kansas Deaf-Blind Census.
January 1	OPEN current school year application window for students who have severe multiple disabilities (based on availability of funds).
April 1	Fiscal year close-out begins. All invoices and receipts are due.