

Kansas Future Teacher Academy Application Summer 2020

About the Academy

The Kansas Future Teacher Academy at Emporia State University (ESU), sponsored by The Teachers College and directed by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, has graduated more than 1,300 of Kansas' brightest high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Since 1989, when the first academy had the honor of receiving the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Christa McAuliffe Showcase for Excellence Award, the Future Teacher Academy at ESU has provided select students with the opportunity to learn more about the challenges and rewards of teaching and has become recognized as an established and highly respected educational opportunity for students throughout the state of Kansas.

During this intense five-day program, the participants share in a variety of activities that will help them to better understand what teachers do and to determine whether or not they have the potential for meeting this professional challenge. Activities include participating in seminars on leadership and self-improvement and having the opportunity to listen to and interact with ESU faculty, Kansas Master Teachers, Kansas State Teacher of the Year Team, National Board Certified Teachers, among other highly accomplished educators.

Applications for the academy are available to all Kansas public and private high school principals and counselors and to other selected educators and high school club sponsors. Participants are selected from the pool of applicants according to their academic record, school and community leadership, letters of reference, and a brief essay on why they are interested in teaching as a career.



Emporia State University
June 7-11, 2020

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Emporia State University
and the State of Kansas

Is an Education Degree in Your Future?

Careers for individuals with a degree in education: • teacher: early childhood / elementary / middle school / high school • coach: academic / athletic • curriculum development • online teaching • textbook author/editor • test developer • education research • social welfare • community service • child care administration • vocational counseling • educational sales • corporate professional development

An education degree can be the foundation for specialized positions: • adaptive physical education instructor • curriculum specialist • guidance counselor • school librarian • school psychologist • special education administrator • school principal • district administrator • speech and language pathologist • superintendent • reading specialist

A degree in education does not always lead to a job in a traditional school setting: • charter schools • private schools • magnet schools • schools outside the US (including Department of Defense schools) • recreation centers • hospitals • correctional institutions • museums • libraries • churches • government agencies • international language schools

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Only those students who sincerely are interested in the purpose of the Kansas Future Teacher Academy – to learn more about a career in teaching – should apply. The Kansas Future Teacher Academy will be limited to approximately 40 participants.
2. Current (2019-2020) Kansas high school **freshmen, sophomores, and juniors** are eligible to apply. If you are not accepted during your freshman or sophomore year, you may apply again the following year.
3. If you previously participated in the Kansas Future Teacher Academy and are interested in the Advanced Academy, do not complete this application. Instead, please contact Dr. Heather Caswell (hcaswell@emporia.edu).
4. The Kansas Future Teacher Academy will be conducted at Emporia State University.
5. Dates for the Kansas Future Teacher Academy are Sunday, June 7 through Thursday, June 11.
6. Selection criteria include academic scholarship, involvement in school and community activities, and expressed interest in teaching as a career.
7. Ask your counselor to mail the following **separately** from the application:
 - an official high school transcript of credits on which **your name** and **cumulative GPA** are clearly marked
 - a letter of recommendation written by the educator of your choice.
8. Applications are due no later than April 17, 2020. They can be submitted in three ways:

Postal Mail	Email	Fax
Dr. Heather Caswell, NBCT	hcaswell@emporia.edu	620.341.6674
Campus Box 4036		ATTN: Dr. Heather Caswell
1 Kellogg Circle		
Emporia, KS 66801		
9. Students will be notified of their application status by April 20, 2020.
10. Students who are accepted into the academy will be asked to submit \$100 participation fee. School district, local business or organization sponsorships are encouraged. The \$100 fee assists with dorm room and meals for the five days. Please do not send money with the application.
11. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Heather Caswell.

E-mail: hcaswell@emporia.edu
Phone: 620.341.5783

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Preferred First Name (if different from above)	Date of Birth	
Applicant's T-Shirt Size (Unisex): ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL		
Applicant's Polo Size (Female Cut): ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL Or Applicant's Polo Size (Male Cut): ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL	The polo will be worn during the teaching lesson with local participating students.	
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	E-mail Address	
Year in School (2020-2021): ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior (This is NOT your current year.)		
USD Name/Number or Diocese		
Name of High School		
Name of Counselor	Email of Counselor	
Name of Principal	High School Telephone	
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION		
Full Name of Contact	Your Relationship to this Person	
This Person's E-Mail Address	This Person's CELL Telephone	
This Person's WORK Telephone	This Person's HOME Telephone	
TEACHING LEVEL INTERESTS (If more than one, rank those that apply.)	TEACHING CONTENT INTERESTS (If more than one, rank those that apply.)	
___ Early Childhood (birth – 2 nd grade) ___ Elementary (kindergarten - 6 th grade) ___ Middle School (5 th – 8 th grade) ___ High School (9 th – 12 th grade)	___ Art / Music ___ English / Reading / Language Arts ___ History / Social Science ___ Other: ___ Mathematics ___ Science ___ Special Education	

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Will you graduate in May 2020? ___ No ___ Yes

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS Please list all school-related clubs; indicate if offices held.

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT KFTA?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> FEA Program/Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KFTA Web Page | <input type="checkbox"/> PA Announcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Posted Notice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Principal/Assistant Principal | <input type="checkbox"/> School Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

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REQUIRED ESSAY

Write a 300-word maximum essay. Respond to the following two prompts:

- Reason(s) you are considering a career in education.
- Think of a teacher who has impacted your learning. What qualities does this teacher possess?

Attach the **computer-printed** essay to this application or e-mail to Dr. Heather Caswell at hcaswell@emporia.edu.

THE AREA IMMEDIATELY BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED BY A SCHOOL OFFICIAL FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED

Class Rank: _____ out of _____ Cumulative GPA* _____ <small>*Please provide cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale and rounded to the nearest hundredth (ex. 2.75)</small>	I verify the class rank and GPA provided are correct. _____ Date _____ Principal or Counselor's Signature _____ Principal or Counselor's Name (please print) <table style="float: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><td>___</td><td>Principal</td></tr> <tr><td>___</td><td>Counselor</td></tr> </table>	___	Principal	___	Counselor
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ACADEMY POLICIES AND SIGNATURES

Read carefully. Any violation of these rules may result in the participant being expelled from the Academy.

- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and smoking are prohibited.
- Participants may bring and leave cars on ESU campus; however, participants must provide their keys to a KFTA staff member upon arrival to the academy. During the academy, all transportation will be provided for participants by Emporia State University.
- Participants are expected to participate in ALL scheduled activities during the academy. The schedule is demanding, but includes ample opportunity for recreation and rest.
- Participants must abide by the Emporia State University rules and regulations for visiting groups.
- I verify that all information provided in this application is accurate.

I have read and will abide by the Academy Policies.

_____ Date _____ Applicant's Signature	_____ Date _____ Guardian's Signature
_____ Applicant's Name (please print)	_____ Guardian's Name (please print)