

# 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 July 31st** for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2024**. 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 SETS 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 Kirchhoff, Project Director at [ksdeafblind@kssdb.org](mailto:ksdeafblind@kssdb.org) for more information.

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

## **Dates**

Submission for reimbursement needs to occur as early as possible. There are two application windows for SFY2025

April 1, 2024

OPEN Application window for 2024-2025 for students who are currently certified and on the Kansas Deaf-Blind Census.

July 31, 2024

CLOSE Application window for 2024-2025 for students who are currently certified and on the Kansas Deaf-Blind Census.

January 1, 2025

OPEN Application window for 2024-2025 for students who have severe multiple disabilities (based on availability of funds).

April 1, 2025 (subject to change)

Fiscal year close-out begins. All invoices and receipts are due.