The State Deaf-Blind Fund
KSDE Contact/Questions: email DBfund@ksde.org

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 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.