



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

House Committee on Education

**Follow-up from Committee Hearing
Held on January 29, 2026:
House Bill 2485**

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Chair Estes and Members of the Committee, thank you for taking the time to hold a hearing on our proposed legislation, HB 2485 (allowing the Board of Regents to discharge certain debts and excluding students with outstanding debts from eligibility from additional service scholarships), and HB 2487 (clarifying eligibility for the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship).

In my testimony on HB 2485, I cited amounts our agency pays to a third-party servicer to assist us with the administration of student accounts for the ten state service scholarships. I provide the table below to help give context on the growth we are experiencing in our service scholarships and the expenses to administer these programs, particularly with the Promise Act Scholarship.

I hope you find this information helpful as you consider favorable passage of HB 2485.

Kansas Board of Regents Vendor Expense for Party Account Servicing Amounts Paid by Fiscal Year and by Scholarship Program							
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Teachers Service Scholarship	209.73	3,214.68	3,282.25	3,102.45	3,347.76	3,035.48	2,183.73
Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship (ended FY 1999)	2.49	29.88	29.88	12.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nurse Educator Grant	41.20	516.00	526.88	568.52	560.90	544.80	503.29
National Guard Tuition Assistance	1.66	54.41	141.16	231.81	196.62	233.50	366.19
Nursing Service Scholarship	137.23	1,729.34	1,801.86	1,934.55	1,970.98	1,851.34	1,571.04
Osteopathic Service Scholarship	11.66	137.79	149.69	122.26	91.02	94.42	101.52
Optometry Service Scholarship	16.36	228.36	233.73	242.29	235.69	243.76	225.95
Promise Act Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22	863.68	4,947.31
Paul Douglas Scholarship	0.83	9.96	9.96	4.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
ROTC Service Scholarship	40.72	513.93	590.43	626.13	648.93	731.63	732.42
General Charge*	77.00	1,078.25	1,112.50	1,452.71	1,597.71	1,609.11	3,259.46
Total	\$538.88	\$7,512.60	\$7,878.34	\$8,297.32	\$8,650.83	\$9,207.72	\$13,890.91

*General Charge encompasses administrative activities performed by vendor, e.g., credit bureau reporting, skip trace services, letters to affected individuals.

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