



The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature is accepting applications for the Irv Hoffman Nursing Scholarship through September 1, 2021.

Topeka – The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature (KSHL) has opened their application process for the 2021 \$1,000 Irv Hoffman Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Nursing Scholarship. The Scholarship is open to any Kansas resident currently attending a Kansas Nursing school and who will be working with older adults after graduation. Any applications postmarked or emailed after September 1, 2021 will not be accepted.

Any current nursing program student is encouraged to apply. The application form, a current resume and a 500-word essay titled “How I can contribute to the care of Older Adults”. Applications will be reviewed, and a decision made by the KSHL Nursing Scholarship Committee before September 20, 2021. The winner will be notified after the selection is made. The winner be asked to attend the annual KSHL banquet in Topeka on October 6, 2021 to receive their award.

The Irv Hoffman Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Nursing Scholarship has been issued for a number of years to one or more deserving Kansas nursing students. KSHL President Ross Boelling (Dickinson County) said “Healthcare is so important to older Kansans. We feel it’s important to do what we can to support the nurses that are so helpful to us.” KSHL Scholarship Committee Chair Lois Cossman (Sherman County) said “We expect a lot of applications this year. The Committee looks forward to reviewing the applications from this group of nurses-in-training and rewarding the best.”

About the KSHL

The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature (KSHL) was created in 1982 by Kansas Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1649, which was passed by the Legislature. It created a unicameral legislature composed of up to 125 representatives with one representative from each county and 5 additional from each of the more populated Wyandotte, Johnson, Shawnee, and Sedgwick counties. All are 60+ years old and are elected from their county of residence. Nationally, Silver Haired Legislatures were authorized by an Act of Congress in 1969. Each state was encouraged to create a body of Seniors who would identify issues important to older adults. The KSHL does just that, identifying issues important to older Kansas adults over the age of 60 and to educate the Kansas Legislature about those issues. KSHL also works to help older Kansans understand the legislative process and how it affects their communities. For more information about the KSHL, their website is found at: [Kansas Silver Haired Legislature \(kansas-shl.org\)](http://kansas-shl.org)

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