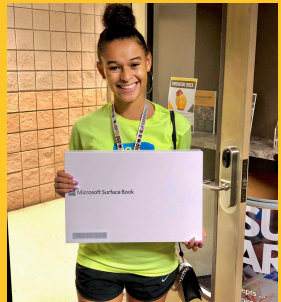


# ASCEND

with KSU CARES

Offering dedicated opportunities throughout the academic year for cultural and learning experiences for incoming KSU students who have experienced homelessness and/or the foster care system.





## *Services include:*

- **Academic and Professional Development Workshop Series:** Providing students with strategies on improving their study and time management skills, economic mobility, and engagement with the KSU campus and peers.
- **Cultural and Education Abroad Enrichment Activities:** Providing exposure to new cultural experiences is key to a broaden students' world-view. As available, stipends will be awarded to students to support their Education Aboard travels.
- **Near Peer Mentoring:** Over the first year, ASCEND's current students or recent graduates will be available to offer firsthand insight and advice to newly enrolled ASCEND scholars.
- **Case Management:** Together, the student and case manager will develop an individualized plan intended to empower the student to work towards their daily living needs.



## ASCEND BRIDGE WEEK

To qualify for the ASCEND program, a person must be a KSU students pursuing their first bachelor's degree and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth status based upon the McKinney-Vento Act<sup>1</sup>
- Verified as a Runaway Homeless Youth, defined as a youth “who is not more than 21 years of age...for whom it is not possible to live in a safe environment with a relative and who have no other safe alternative living arrangement.”<sup>2</sup>
- At any time since turning age 13, both parents deceased, in foster care, or a dependent or ward of the court.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://schoolhouseconnection.org/mckinney-vento-act/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/law-regulation/runaway-and-homeless-youth-program-authorizing-legislation>

<sup>3</sup> <https://studentaid.gov/2122/help/orphan-foster-ward-court>

## OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

- KSU Campus Awareness, Resource, and Empowerment Services (KSU CARES) provides a comprehensive program of orientation, financial preparedness, and academic support designed to ease the transition from high school to college
- One-on-one CARE Management with KSU CARES, including progress monitoring, coaching, advocacy, referrals, and/or financial assistance
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# KSU CARES ASCEND LLV

*at University Columns  
on KSU's Marietta Campus*



Based on availability, ASCEND students live together as a community so they can build stronger, hopefully life-long, relationships with students with similar life experiences.

Benefits include:

- KSU Housing's Reservation Fee covered
- In-house pantry
- Service opportunities
- Private study room & group space
- Laundry room
- Rental Assistance
- Professional Development
- Activities and Retreats



Here are your...

# Next Steps!

## **Get your Finances Ready**

### COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA

Need assistance? Find your Financial Aid Counselor [here](#).

### APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

[KSU Scholarships](#) (Application period is November - March)

[External Scholarships](#)

Follow us on Social Media for tips [@KSU CARES](#)

## **Register for Orientation**

[Visit the KSU Orientation Website](#). There is a \$40.00 registration fee.

Need help with paying for Orientation? Email [careservices@kennesaw.edu](mailto:careservices@kennesaw.edu)

## **Register for ASCEND Bridge Week**

Click [here](#) to apply.

## **Apply for KSU Housing**

### APPLY FOR GENERAL HOUSING

For on campus housing, you will need to [apply for KSU Housing](#).

If you DO NOT have a guarantor, email KSU CARES at [careservices@kennesaw.edu](mailto:careservices@kennesaw.edu) before you apply. There is a \$375.00 Reservation Fee

### INTERESTED IN THE ASCEND LLV?

Click [here](#) to apply. For those accepted into the LLV, KSU CARES will cover the \$375 Reservation Fee.

## **Apply for Campus Jobs**

If you are interested in working on campus, check out these resources:

Complete the Federal Work Study application at

<https://financialaid.kennesaw.edu/types-of-aid/fws-application.php>

Search for available Campus Jobs at

<https://kennesaw.joinhandshake.com/login/>

# CONNECT WITH KSU CARES



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