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**Sunday Service**  
Sunday School – 8:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship – 9:50 a.m.

**Bible Study**  
Mid-day – 11:30 a.m.  
Teacher's Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Service – 6:30 p.m.

**2019 Church Theme: "DOING GREATER WORKS" John 14:12**

## OAK RIDGE CHRISTMAS CHEER ADOPTION 2019

### OAK RIDGE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CHEER DECEMBER 2019

On behalf of Pastor Ricky D. Turner and the Christmas Cheer Committee, we thank all of the Oak Ridge Members and the host of volunteers who made Christmas Cheer 2019 a success. You achieved the mission of this ministry by successfully adopting 45 families consisting of 137 children from the Kansas City, KS USD 500 Public School District. Due to your sacrifice of time and finance we met our goal of bringing the real meaning of Christmas to the hearts of those less fortunate. The weather this year caused us to postpone the festivities, however over half the families still attended the rescheduled events and all of the volunteers rearranged their schedules to make this ministry a success. Many families joined us for the morning worship service and some stated their intent to return to Oak Ridge to worship with us in the future. Our children choir sang songs and the families who attended was served a light Christmas meal that included some sweet desserts. Santa Claus was also able to rearrange his schedule so the Children could take pictures with him. The program concluded with the Biblical truth of the reason for the season, an invitation to Christ and prayer request was given. Finally, the gifts which included personal hygiene items and a fruit basket were given to Angels at the conclusion of the program. Christmas Cheer would not be a success without the love and sacrifice of all at Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist church. Thank you again for making Christmas Cheer 2019 a Success!!!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**





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## Christmas Cheer Thank You Letters

Dear Santa 3 kids program

Thank you so much for showing me and my family that miracles do happen. I just want to thank you guys so much for bringing joy, happiness and excitement to me and my family we really do appreciate you guys alot, we are so blessed to have you guys apart of our lives, I wouldn't know what we would do without you guys. Thank you! so much. On the behalf of me and my kids, we appreciate every little help that you guys offer and bring.

Thank you, , , , ,

Dear Secret Santa,

I just want to say Thank you for blessing my family. This has been a tough year and lost some one this month. Christmas will be a day my babies will be able to be happy and enjoy being around family. As the holidays get closer the stress gets higher. Now I will be able to be stress free, and enjoy a day with my babies. I'm so grateful for you. You a true blessing and words cant explain the joy, and Gratefulness.

Thank you.

Dear Oakridge,

From the bottom of our hearts thank you for adopting my family for Christmas. Having to completely uproot and relocate our whole family before the Holidays was completely unexpected. so this is a huge weight off our shoulders and very much appreciated. So once again Thank you!

God bless &  
Merry Christmas

To Our Christmas Angels

We the Reben family is very happy you thought of us during this holiday season. With so much that we have been through within this year our hearts were blessed.

From losing our home, to having 3 deaths within a 2 week span it gladdens our hearts to be thought about.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, we are thankful!

Dear Secret Santa, 12-15-19

I am writing this joy filled letter in regards to you feeling our hearts with love, warmth & gifts. My kids and I are very grateful at this time. It really means alot. We hope that you all have a happy & safe X-Mas and New Year.

DEAR SECRET SANTA:

My name is Andrea And I would like to Thank You for making me feel like it is hope and help out here.

To know that a person or family could care for somebody that they don't know really means alot to me. Because I would not of had me and my family A Christmas if it wasn't because of you. So I'm say Thank You for EVERY thing and the time you spent on caring for my kids and my self. This REALLY MAKE me understand togetherness much MORE

LOVE  
Andrea

## *Pastor's Pen*

Well, it's time for new beginnings! It's time for a fresh start! It's time to make some resolutions. These are often statements that are made by most people at the beginning of the New Year, and we as Christians are not really all that different! Who wants to remain the same as before? I know I don't, because I want to continue to grow in the Lord, as well as put off some of those things that have held me down from being all He wants me to be. Yet, we all struggle just a bit in our endeavor to move forward as failings and difficulties from the past create a "drag" (if you will) on the vision for the future!

I'm reminded of a wonderful scripture that helps me each time those thoughts come into my mind: Philippians 3:12-14 "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may laid hold of that for which Christ Jesus has already laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." My friends, may I share with you that in Paul's declaration of forgetting, he said he does one thing; however we see that one thing is actually broken down into three parts:

**Forgetting What is Behind** is the first one. It seems that the more difficult a situation is, the harder it is to "forget!" Paul wasn't saying there's no way we would remember these things, but he was simply saying those things would not be enough to hold us back from forward progress!

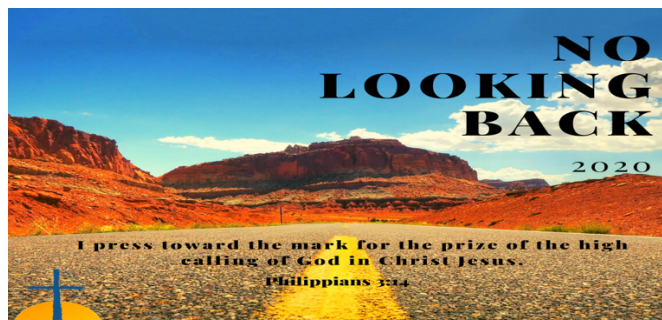
**Strain Toward** the next thing he said was he would "strain toward" what is ahead. Yes, there are times serving God and even moving forward in life takes some straining!" Yet, be reminded today that it will truly be worth all one day.....

**Press On** lastly, he said he would "press on toward the goal to win the prize." Oh my brothers and sisters, don't' just look at the now, as I often said in our Bible study in 2 Corinthians last year; we need to remember also that we will be rewarded one day. (Oh glory!) We must keep our eyes focused on the prize, and the greatest prize we will know one day is to see our savior face to face! The song writer said it this way,

"As I journey through the land, singing as I go  
Pointing souls to Calvary to the crimson flow  
Many arrows pierce my soul from without, within,  
But my Lord leads me on, through Him I must win  
Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face  
There to sing forever of His saving grace  
On the streets of glory let me lift my voice  
Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice..."

Oh Oak Ridge saints of God, God has given us another opportunity for a new beginning, let's take full advantage of starting afresh with God on our side – Forgetting, Straining and Pressing On.....

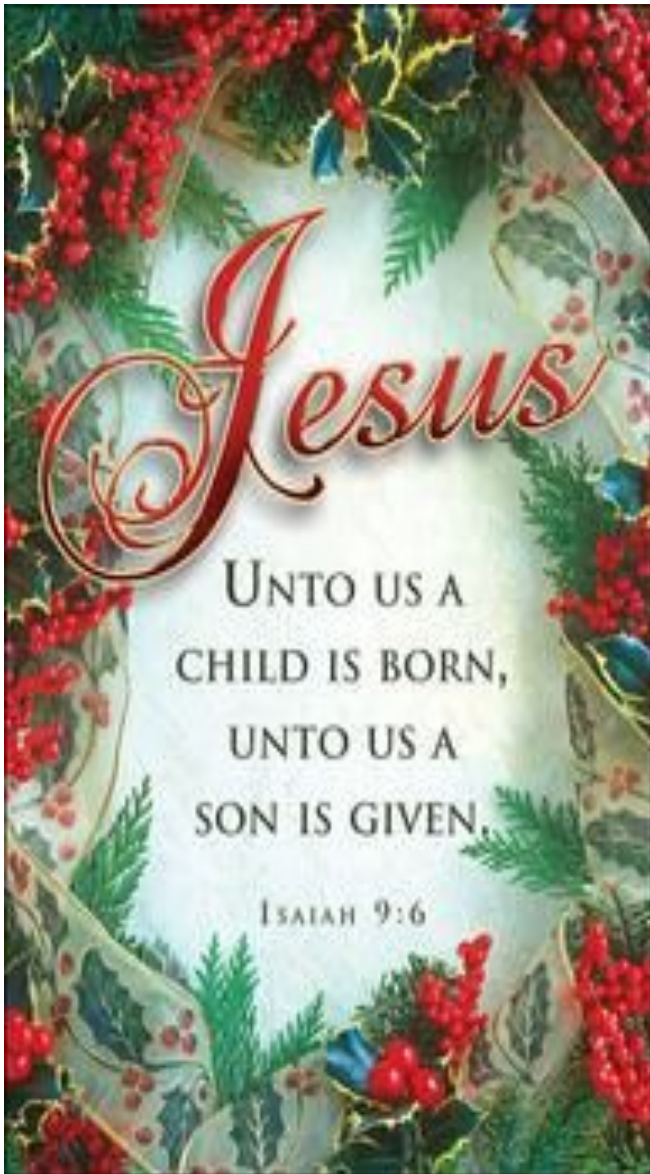
Blessing and peace,  
In His Service,  
Ricky D. Turner – Senior Pastor







On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Drama Department presented "The Messiah Has Come." The cast included ORMBC members from several areas and ministries including: Ministers Wives, Deacons, Music and Choral Arts, Church Staff, Culinary, Sunday School, Ushers, Youth Ministry, families, and individuals. The weather was unbelievably inclement. However, in spite of the weather, a nice size group attended and many of them provided glowing comments about the participants and the program. Clearly the 'The Messiah Has Come' was a wonderful praise offering to God for the Gift of His Son.





# Upcoming

## EVENTS

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Annual Church Business meeting at 6:30pm  
 January 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> – National Baptist Convention Mid-Winter Board Meeting in Arlington, TX  
 January 18<sup>th</sup> – Men Leading the Charge – 9:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.  
 January 20<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Celebration at the Jack Reardon Center  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> - Installation of Officers Service during 9:50 church service  
 February 9<sup>th</sup> – Service of Remembrance  
 February 15<sup>th</sup> – Men Leading the Charge – 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.  
 February 16<sup>th</sup> - Black History Program at 8:30a.m.  
 March 8<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Begins  
 March 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> – KVD Adjourned Session at Antioch Baptist Church  
 March 21<sup>st</sup> – Men Leading the Charge – 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pastor and Wife's 22<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Anniversary Service  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Officers Day at First Baptist Quindaro at 3:00p.m.  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup> -March 27<sup>th</sup> – KVD Spring Congress of Christian Education at Third Street Baptist Church  
 March 29<sup>th</sup> – Pastor and Wife 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!  
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
 But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
 Not by making your path easy,  
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
 Not by taking hardships from you,  
 But by taking fear from your heart;  
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
 But by keeping your face bright,  
 even in the shadows;  
 Not by making your life always pleasant,  
 But by showing you when people  
 and their causes need you most,  
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
 GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY  
 To you for the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

**Baptisms** – Kinlee Harris, Emani Sanders and Brooklyn Shackelford.

**Wellness Ministry** has wellness classes on **Monday at 5:30p.m. and Saturday at 8:30a.m.**  
**The cost is \$25 per month.**



- Exercise at least 3 -5days a week for 30-40 minutes.
- A healthy diet includes plenty of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, low fat dairy and lean protein.
- Drink at least 8 glasses of water each day.
- Rest is very important sleep at least 8 hours.
- Schedule annual visits with your doctor to maintain good health and wellness.



## KCKCC THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

The College Ministry held our first event with KCKCC students by providing Thanksgiving dinner for about 30 students (mostly international) over the holiday break. The students enjoyed dinner with all fixings and dessert. We were happy to have served them and are looking forward to future connections with KCKCC.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



### **Deacon and Deaconess Day**

#### **Celebrating Our 131<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary And Honoring Our Senior & Emeritus Deacons and Deaconesses**

On August 25, Pastor Turner and the Oakridge church members celebrated the recognition of the church's existence for 131 years with the theme of Celebrating God's faithfulness, Hebrews 10:23. In addition to honoring the senior deacons, deaconess, deacons & deaconess emeritus for their untiring commitment and years of service at Oak ridge. Their continuous work serving in the deacon and deaconess ministry and honoring Gods word is invaluable and the church was grateful to show their gratitude by inviting their family members the opportunity to fellowship at this distinguished event, and witness Pastor Turner present each honoree with a gift of appreciation.

Forty two senior deacons, deaconess, deacons and deaconess emeritus and their family were ushered into the sanctuary with much excitement and jubilation at how good God is and how overjoyed that Oak Ridge has been standing in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for one hundred and thirty-one years and will continue to spread the good news about our risen savior for many years to come.

***Deacon Emeritus James Henderson & Deaconess Emeritus Emma Henderson***

***– 50 years of service – 45 years of service***

***Deacon Emeritus Marion Ray, Sr. – 38 years of service***

***Deacon Calvin Jones & Deaconess Gina Jones***

***– 35 years of service – 20 years of service***

***Deacon Emeritus William Everette & Deaconess Emeritus Lillie Everette***

***– 33 years of service – 20 years of service***

***Deacon Booker T. Marshall & Deaconess Ella Marshall***

***– 24 years of service – 20 years of service***

***Deacon Emeritus Joseph Daniels & Deaconess Emeritus Mertha Daniels***

***– 21 years of service – 21 years of service***

***Deacon John Griffin – 20 years of service***

***Deacon Ulysses Henson & Deaconess Jaunice Henson***

***– 20 years of service – 20 years of service***

***Deacon Henry Hardy & Deaconess Donna Hardy***

***– 16 years of service – 16 years of service***

***Deacon William Washington & Deaconess Vickie Washington***

***– 16 years of service – 16 years of service***

***Deacon Walter Minor & Deaconess Wandra Minor***

***– 15 years of service – 15 years of service***

***Deacon Robert Morgan & Deaconess Janet Morgan***

***– 14 years of service – 14 years of service***

***Deacon Russell Fears & Deaconess Lula Fears***

***– 12 years of service – 12 years of service***

***Deacon Emeritus C. Eugene Smith, & Deaconess Emeritus Anna Smith***

***– 11 years of service – 11 years of service***

***Deacon Albert Cruitt & Deaconess Cathryn Cruitt***

***– 8 years of service – 8 years of service***

***Deacon Larry Cruitt & Deaconess Shirley Cruitt – 7 years of service – 7 years of service***



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## Words of Encouragement

Let Your Light Shine...  
The Glory of God



Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."



We all have a light inside of us -the living light, the Holy Spirit that dwells in us.

We should recognize it as a spiritual gift from our **Lord and Savior**.

We can sometimes feel inadequate instead of remembering  
we are powerful beyond measure.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously encourage other people to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fears, our presence automatically liberates others.

So be bold. Be proud that we are blessed with the living spirit, and that we should

**'Let our light shine'**

... to inspire others that there is hope in this world,

And that we should be a living witness for our **Lord Jesus Christ!**

by Karen Barnett

## Words of Encouragement

- When you are going through difficulty and wonder where GOD is, remember the teacher is always quiet during the test.
- God is faithful and he will never let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.
- God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand his wisdom, but we simply have to trust his will.
- You are where GOD wants you to be at this very moment. Every experience is part of GOD'S divine plan.
- GOD is good all the time and all the time GOD is good.



## *You Asked Him to Leave*

Our schools nationwide have been the focal point of controversy as to whether God belongs in our schools. Specifically there once was prayer and the Bible accepted. Even in 1954 President Eisenhower added 'under God' to the Pledge of Allegiance.

I just happened to hear a song by Wilburn and Wilburn, titled 'You asked Him to leave.' Then I was referenced to Psalm 127, Verse 1 (NIV) 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.' Let me make some sense of this sharing with you some facts.

Steven Engel in 1962 and Madalyn Murray O'Hair in 1963 had their cases decided by the Supreme Court ruling school sponsored prayer unconstitutional and outlawing Bible recitation in schools. From the research of William Jeynes, prior to these decisions, consensus of teachers that their biggest problems were talking, chewing gum, noise and running in the hallways. Assessment years later were academic and behavior decline, increased rate of out-of-wedlock births, increased drug use and crime. Over the years the best effort so far, is to bring the Bible back as literature and not the word of God.

Just to look at the Pledge, there have been numerous attempts beginning with Michael Newdow in 1998, to remove 'under God', and not compel students to recite or stand, yet it is still one nation, under God to this day with court rulings against even atheists, that this is patriotic and not a religious exercise..

It was in 1999 that the tragic Columbine school shooting occurred with 12 students and one teacher killed. American society was handed a script for a new form of violence in the US. Among the 11 mass shootings to follow, a college shooting at Virginia Tech in 2007, a high school shooting at Stoneman Douglass in 2018, and an elementary school shooting at Sandy Hook in 2012. Needless to say we have experienced numerous other shootings beyond the schools with so much violence and terrorism. Let's examine the lyrics to the song mentioned earlier which say

***'Special report on the six o'clock news. Another shooting in another school  
Six rounds fired three lives lost. A gun in the wrong hand, oh what a cost  
The whole town gathers as questions fly. Why God allowed three children to die  
Then Ol' Mr. Carter stepped forward and said. Seems you've forgotten what you did  
God wasn't allowed in your school today. But you wanted it that way, didn't you?  
God is not the one to blame. He didn't bring your pain, I say to you. He didn't cause this tragedy.  
He wasn't there remember you asked Him to leave.'***

The song goes on to expound on violence and terrorism in the streets, once again referencing the same. You asked Him to leave. In Kansas City, Missouri alone, more than 140 homicides reported this year. Of the many empty seats in our churches, how few it might have been if the victims and assailants had filled those seats and truly knew God in their lives. We as children of God must be a witness to others, that they ask God to come into their hearts and not ask Him to leave.

By James Barnett







#### Erin Moody

Was the only Freshman cheerleader out of 10 high school cheer teams to make the All American Cheer Squad during the summer cheer camp, which is a hand selected team of exceptional cheerleaders from around the country who are invited to cheer at events all over the world. Erin was also selected by the Shawnee Mission Northwest High School Administration to be a part of a yearlong leadership panel to discuss and provide feedback on issues affecting teenagers, such as suicide and bullying and she currently has a 4.86 GPA!

#### Vanilla Davis

Was selected to work as a Resident Assistant for the Fall and Spring Semesters at K-State. She also received \$1000 from the Charles Rankin Scholarship in Education and was recognized as a top scholar in the College of Education at K-State.

#### Miguel Martin, Jr.

For his first high school football game, he helped his team to a victory over Ottawa with an end score of 54 to 6. He had a total of 3 touch downs, two running touchdowns and one receiving touchdown.

#### Malia Martin

Was the only Gymnast to be asked to test out of level 5 and move up to level 6 over the summer.

#### Mikayla Jackson

Participated in Langston University School of Nursing's Eleventh Annual White Coat Ceremony on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>!

#### Kaliya Reed

Received 5 A's & 2 B's on her first semester grade card. Also, the Raytown Assistant Principal recommended Kaliyah to run for Student Council. This is an honor because only teachers or higher can recommend a student to be on this council. We are proud to say that Kaliya Reed was chosen to be on the Student Council Committee!

#### Mariah Connor

Is a Senior at Pembroke Hill High School, and she was named a National Merit Scholar Commended Student, for having a record of consistently demonstrating a very high academic performance. She scored in the top 3%, out of more than 1.5 million High School Seniors Nationwide. Mariah received a Letter of Commendation from her school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation!

#### Zion Jones

Is a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader at Maranatha Christian Academy, and she led her volleyball team in the most kills and points for the season. She has maintained a 4.0 for the first quarter, also Zion received the Presidential Award for achieving the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on state testing results completed in the spring.





**Leila King**

A 5<sup>th</sup> Grader at Edwardsville Elementary School, received a super BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award by earning all A's. Also, she was selected as a drum leader for the school choir.

**Tianna Brown**

A 7<sup>th</sup> Grader at Robert E. Clark Middle School, earned a 3.2 GPA. Also, she improved over 100 points on the state reading assessment, since this time last year. And she was selected to be on the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council.

**Alyssa King**

A Freshman at Bonner Springs High School, earned a 4.0 GPA. She was also selected to serve on the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council, and she was chosen to be a Basketball Manager for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Team.

**Alia Peoples**

Alia was honored to be the recipient of the All State Kansas Scholar Award, through the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. She will receive a scholarship for this award at a banquet held in her honor in March 2020 in Topeka, KS.

**Hansel Maltbia IV**

A 5<sup>th</sup> Grader at Claude Huyck Elementary School earned a 3.2 GPA on his First Quarter Grade Card.

**Dee Dee Maltbia**

Has been appointed as the Director of the Asteam Village Robotics Summer Camp. She will be coaching the First National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) – Junior Chapter at New Chelsea Elementary School in Math and Robotics. Also, she will prepare the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to compete in NSBE's National Competition in San Antonio, TX this Spring. She is currently pursuing a Business Degree at KCKCC.

**Sharome Maltbia**

Received the First Place Medal in Jui Jit Su (A Martial Arts Sport) Competition. He plans to compete internationally in Portugal in January 2020.

**Kinlee Harris**

Takes piano lessons, and was named Student of the Month for both November and December at the 'Classical Notes Studio.' Her teacher said "Kinlee is a top student. She's very good at sight reading, and has an inquisitive concept of how musical patterns work. The more she learns, the more she wants to know." She's a music teacher's dream student."

**Sister Mischon Arrington**

Graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Adult Learning and Leadership, with an Emphasis in Adult Learning and a Minor in Leadership from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.





## **KC SCHOLARS TRADITIONAL/ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Traditional scholarship applications for current 11<sup>th</sup> graders are open from January 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Apply at [kcscholars.org](http://kcscholars.org)**

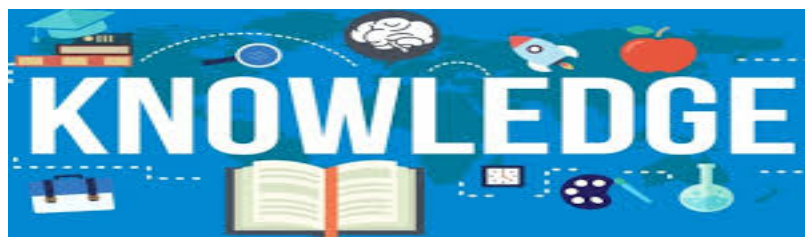
You must meet all of the following requirements to apply:

1. Be a current 11<sup>th</sup> grader during the application cycle;
2. Be home-schooled or attend a public, charter, or private high school in the following 6 counties: Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte (MO) or Johnson and Wyandotte (KS);
3. Be lawfully present in the U.S. or DACA eligible **and** DACA applied/approved;
4. Have at least a 2.5 cumulative high school unweighted GPA (5 semesters from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to the fall semester of 11<sup>th</sup> grade) or at least a 16 on the ACT or at least an 800 on the SAT); and
5. Be considered low- or modest-income. Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculation on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forecaster must be 12,000 or less. The calculation is based on household income, number of members in the family and number of family members that will be in college at the same time. It is the amount of annual financial support a family can be expected to pay toward the student's college education.

## **Adult Learners Scholarship – Applications January 1<sup>st</sup> - February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

You must meet all of the following requirements to apply:

1. Age 24 and up (as of August 31, 2020)
2. Live in one of the six eligible counties (Kansas: Wyandotte, Johnson. Missouri: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte)
3. Low- to modest-income. Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculation on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be 12,000 or less.
4. Previously earned at least 12 college credits at an accredited, Title IV, postsecondary institution and has not earned a degree OR have previously earned an associate degree and will use the scholarship to earn a bachelor's degree
5. Not enrolled in a postsecondary institution for Fall 2019
6. Lawfully present in the United States OR DACA eligible or DACA applied/approved



## ACT Test Taking Strategies

The ACT is used by many colleges to determine admission. Your ACT is important to colleges for two reasons. First, your ACT score shows that you're academically prepared for college. Second, your ACT score, if you're admitted, will be incorporated into a college's annual ACT statistics. A college's reputation among its peers, and prospective students, is in part based on the published ACT scores of its students. Schools including Harvard, Stanford and other top universities are often associated with excellence because of the high ACT scores of the students they admit.

Taking the time and putting forth the effort to improve your ACT score will go a long way toward getting yourself into the college or university of your choice. Combine a high ACT score with a good GPA and you'll qualify for entry into top colleges and universities. However, the ACT can be particularly important if you didn't get the best grades in high school. A high ACT score can make up for a low GPA. If you were to score a perfect 36 on the ACT, but only graduated high school with a 3.0 GPA, it's quite likely that admission officers would think your high school classes were just too hard and that you're still smart enough for college.

## General ACT Testing Strategies

The following are general strategies for improving your overall performance on the ACT. These tips and strategies can be applied to all sections in the ACT.

- **Don't cram.**  
The ACT tests you on knowledge you've accumulated over the course of your high school career, so there's no point in cramming. The day before the test relax, go watch a movie and then get a good night's sleep. Staying up the night before the test and studying will only stress you out and cause you to be tired the next day.
- **Familiarize yourself with the test.**  
Become familiar with the structure of ACT before test day. During your test prep, learn and review the directions for each of the sections on the test. When you arrive at the test you'll already know what is going to be required in each section of the ACT. This will save valuable time during the test which can be spent working on questions.
- **Answer easy questions first.**  
Answer the questions you're sure you know the correct answer to first. Put a mark in your exam booklet next to each question you skip so you can quickly find them later. After answering all the easy questions, go back and tackle the more challenging questions.
- **Write in your book.**  
Your ACT test booklet is yours. After the test it will simply be thrown away. So don't worry about making sure it remains in pristine condition throughout the test. Use it to your advantage. Write in it, cross out wrong answers and use it to do scratch work. Work out problems and jot down key information you'll need to answer certain questions in your test booklet since it is permitted.
- **Don't write on your answer sheet.**  
Your ACT answer sheet is scored by a machine that isn't able to distinguish between a correct answer, a stray mark, or a careless doodle in the margin. Make sure that your answer sheet is free from any stray marks. Follow the directions given carefully as you mark correct answers on your answer sheet.



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- **There is only one correct answer.**

On the ACT, there is only one correct answer to each question. Even if it appears as if there are two correct answers, you can only choose one answer – so select the *best* answer to each question.

- **Easy questions precede hard ones.**

Typically, easier questions on the ACT precede harder questions. In this way, the ACT gets progressively more difficult as you work through each section. Keep this in mind as you move through the test answering easy questions first and then return to answer more difficult questions.

- **Guess.**

If you're faced with a challenging question for which you don't know the correct answer, just make an educated guess. Try to eliminate as many incorrect answer choices as you can and then select the answer that makes the most sense. There is no point deduction for wrong answers – so any answer is always better than no answer at all.

- **Budget your time.**

Do not spend too much time on any one question since there is a time limit for completing the test. It is best to limit yourself to 1 to 2 minutes for the harder questions and no more than 10 to 20 seconds on the easier questions. The ACT consists of 4-5 small mini-tests that are timed. Pay close attention to how much time remains in each section, so you will not have to rush at the last minute to complete each test. We recommend bringing your own stop watch to the test to keep track of time.

- **Read each question carefully.**

Never assume you know what a question is asking until you've read it in its entirety. Sometimes students will provide an answer they recall from a similar question from a practice test. Read the words to each question carefully.

- **Don't change your answers.**

Don't change your answers unless you're sure you made a mistake. More often than not your first answer will be the correct answer.

- **Practice, practice, practice!**

Let us say it one more time. Practice, practice, practice! There is no substitute for practice.

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	ACT Score Release
Apr 4, 2020	Feb 29, 2020	Mar 16, 2020	Apr 14; Apr 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 25, 2020	June 23; July 7, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 29, 2020	July 28; Aug 11, 2020

ACT TEST FORMAT			
SECTION	TIME LIMIT	# OF QUESTIONS	SUMMARY
English	45 minutes	75 questions	Covers punctuation, grammar, usage, and sentence structure. Also tests your rhetorical skills in strategy, organization, and style.
Math	60 minutes	60 questions	Covers basic mathematical skills that are typical for a student at the end of 11 grade. You will be tested on pre-algebra, elementary algebra, intermediate algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry and trigonometry.
Reading	35 minutes	40 questions	Evaluates your reading comprehension. You will be given four passages and use your referring and reasoning skills to identify main ideas, locate important details, understand sequences of events and make comparisons.
Science	35 minutes	40 questions	Measures your skills in natural sciences. You will be evaluated on interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem solving.