



WELCOME TO OUR
KQ Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first KQ of 2024. As we kick off the New Year, I am very excited knowing that we will all be together in June after a 10-year hiatus at our Annual Educational Conference.



Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday June 13th and Friday June 14th. We will be at the Ramada by Wyndham Topeka Downtown Hotel & Convention Center. There will be a block of rooms available for those traveling in from the far corners of Kansas. It will be a great opportunity to meet and network with child support professionals from around the State and participate in several training opportunities.

Sticking to our KCSEA mission "to support those who encounter the child support program through education, collaboration, and progress" our goal in 2024 is to reintroduce the who's who of Kansas Child Support. By holding our annual conference in Topeka, this allows the best opportunity to bring people together from all parts of the program including IVD, Non-IVD, Tribal, Federal, Contractors, and other partners outside the State of Kansas.

We will take steps back in time with our 2024 conference theme "Back to the Future," look at what we're doing today, and what will carry the program into the future. This training opportunity will consist of speakers and panelists from each piece of the program, providing discussions on their involvement in the program and showing how we are intertwined together. We will hear about the tools we can use to collaborate to provide the best services possible to the families we serve.

As the board continues to look to the future with plans for the 2024 KCSEA Educational Conference, the award of the Jim Robertson Scholarship, and KCSEA excellence awards, we would like to hear from you. If you have not done so, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RYTDPL> to complete a brief survey regarding KCSEA and what you would like to see in the future from the Association.

To learn more about KCSEA, to become a member of KCSEA, to pay your annual dues, to become a sponsor of KCSEA, to find additional information on the Jim Robertson Scholarship Fund, the 2024 KCSEA Educational Conference, and the KCSEA Board please visit www.kcsea.org.



Sincerely,
Dustin R Whitaker
KCSEA President

2024 Annual Educational Conference



"Back to the Future"
Ramada
 Topeka, KS
 June 13 – 14, 2024



SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 13th

11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration/Silent Auction/Vendor Exhibits
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	President's Welcome
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	Keynote Address
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Plenary I - OCSS
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Networking Reception

Friday, June 14th

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration/Silent Auction/Vendor Exhibits
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Plenary II - IVD
9:45 am – 10:30 am	Plenary III – Non-IVD
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Plenary IV - Tribal
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies

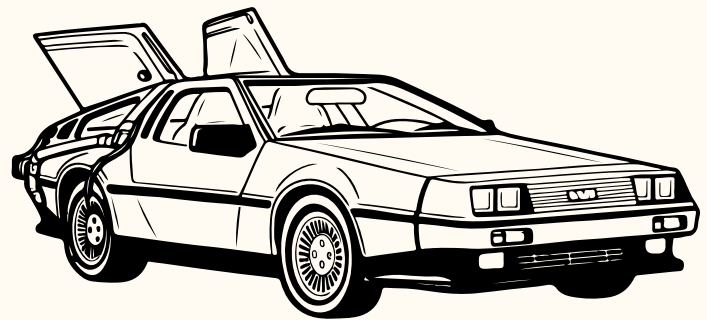
Please note, this agenda is subject to change.

KCSEA
 KANSAS CHILD SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 13 – 14, 2024
 Ramada by Wyndham Downtown Topeka
www.kcsea.org

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Become a Member

IT'S ONLY \$15 YEARLY!



WITH A KCSEA MEMBERSHIP, YOU GET:

- THE KANSAS QUARTERLY (KQ) NEWSLETTER EMAILED TO YOU ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, HELPING YOU TO STAY UP TO DATE ON PROGRAM INFORMATION AND HAPPENINGS IN THE CHILD SUPPORT COMMUNITY
- TO BE A VOTING MEMBER OF KCSEA, ALLOWING YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN BOARD ELECTIONS AND VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGES FOR THE ASSOCIATION
- ELIGIBILITY FOR YOURSELF OR A FAMILY MEMBER TO APPLY FOR THE KCSEA JIM ROBERTSON ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
- NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
- ENHANCED EDUCATION THROUGH OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- TO BUILD A SENSE OF CAMARADERIE AND HAVE FUN WITH FELLOW CHILD SUPPORT STAFF
- REDUCED CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE RATES
- THE ABILITY TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE KCSEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- CASE LAW AND POLICY UPDATES



Awards & Recognition

NOMINEES ARE ANNOUNCED AND AWARDED AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- LARGEST LUMP SUM - PLEASE PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS CASE NUMBER, DOCKET NUMBER, PARTIES NAMES, AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION (INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM). COLLECTION MUST HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE JULY 2023.
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - THIS AWARD IS FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IN CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. THIS IS A PERSON THAT IS CONSISTENT AND STRIVES TO DO THE BEST THEY CAN ON A DAILY BASIS. DEPENDABILITY AND RELIABILITY DESCRIBE THEM; THEY VOLUNTEER FOR EXTRA COMMITTEES OR ASSIST WITH CASELOAD COVERAGE. THEY GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR THEIR TEAM AND THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE. THEY ARE INCREDIBLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM.
- CUSTOMER SERVICE - THE CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD IS GIVEN TO A PERSON WHO PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE ON A CONSISTENT BASIS. THIS PERSON IS WILLING TO ASSIST CUSTOMERS REGARDLESS OF WHO THE CASE IS ASSIGNED TO. THEY ARE WILLING TO DO RESEARCH, CONTACT OTHER STAFF, OTHER PROGRAM WORKERS, OTHER STATES' WORKERS, ETC. TO ASSIST THE CUSTOMER AND RESOLVE ANY ISSUES.
- MOST UNIQUE COLLECTION STORY - PLEASE PROVIDE A 1-TO-2-PAGE NARRATIVE OF YOUR UNIQUE COLLECTION STORY, WITH THE COLLECTION OCCURRING SINCE JULY 2023.
- GUARDIAN ANGEL - THIS AWARD IS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS HAD A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON CHILD SUPPORT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OR PROCESSES. THIS CAN BE AT THE STATEWIDE, JUDICIAL DISTRICT, OR SERVICE CENTER LEVEL.
- ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - THE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD GOES TO A CHILD SUPPORT STAFF INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE PROGRAM FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR AND HAS SHOWN OUTSTANDING INITIATIVE TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND THE PROGRAM AND THEIR SPECIFIC DUTIES.





SPONSORS WELCOME

KCSEA IS A NON-PROFIT 501 (C)(3) ORGANIZATION WHO ENCOURAGES BUSINESSES, VENDORS, AND CONTRACTORS TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TOWARD KCSEA'S 2024 CONFERENCE BY WAY OF GIFT CARDS, MERCHANDISE, OR SERVICES. DONATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE TOWARD KCSEA'S JIM ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND OR PORTIONS OF THE ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE. THERE ARE MULTIPLE CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS RANGING FROM BRONZE TO PLATINUM, ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE CONFERENCE MATERIALS/SUPPLIES, SNACKS AND BEVERAGES FOR BREAKS, ALONG WITH OPTIONS TO SPONSOR THE NETWORKING RECEPTION. ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THESE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING OR DONATING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE DONATION SUBMITTAL FORM FOUND AT WWW.KCSEA.ORG AND RETURN TO ADMIN@KCSEA.ORG. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO DONATE, YOUR BUSINESS WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE 2024 CONFERENCE FOLDER, THE KQ, AND ON THE 2024 CONFERENCE PAGE AT WWW.KCSEA.ORG.

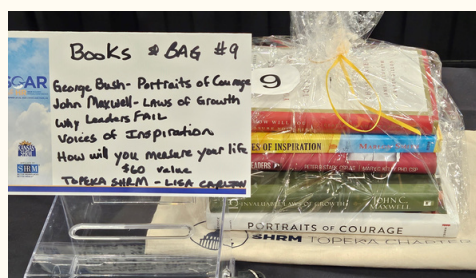
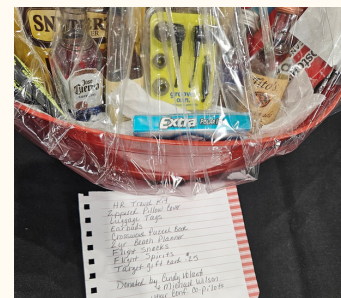


GIFT BASKET DONATIONS

FOR THE KCSEA SILENT AUCTION

ALL PROCEEDS OF THE KCSEA SILENT AUCTION GO TO THE JIM ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING A GIFT BASKET EMAIL:
ALI.ROBERTSON@KS.GOV



Thank you!

Jim Robertson Scholarship

\$500

A SCHOLARSHIP OF \$500 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP APPLICANT. THIS IS A NONRENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIP AND MUST BE APPLIED FOR YEARLY.



APPLICATION DEADLINE
APRIL 15, 2024



- MUST BE A KANSAS RESIDENT.
- THE APPLICANT OR APPLICANT'S RELATIVE MUST HAVE PAID THEIR KCSEA MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR BY THE DEADLINE.
- THE APPLICANT MUST DEMONSTRATE THE INTENTION OF PURSUING A CAREER WHICH IMPACTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THIS RATIONALE SHALL BE EXPLAINED IN THE APPLICANT'S ESSAY.
- MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR OR A POST HIGH SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL PLANNING ON CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION.
- GPA OF 3.0 OR HIGHER; ATTACH A COPY OF THEIR UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FOR THE PREVIOUS SEMESTER.
- PROVIDE A LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION.



THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT BASED ON THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION, AND ESSAY DEMONSTRATING THEIR PASSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Application Procedure

The applicant must submit:

- The completed application form.
- Unofficial transcript.
- Letter(s) of recommendation.
- Personal essay of 500 words or less demonstrating the intention of pursuing a career which impacts children and families.

If you have questions, submit them to admin@kcsea.org.

Winner Notification

- The Jim Robertson Scholarship winner will be notified by May 15, 2024.
- The scholarship will be awarded when KCSEA receives proof of enrollment of continued education.
- The winner will be invited to attend the upcoming KCSEA Annual Conference to be publicly acknowledged as the Jim Robertson Scholarship recipient. If the recipient is unable to attend, they may provide a photo and a summary of what it means to them to receive the scholarship to be included in KCSEA's Kansas Quarterly (KQ) Newsletter.

