

February 6, 2023

Unit Conferences

Unit Conferences continue to be so outstanding across the state. These conferences bring clubs together to learn from one another and work together on a service project. The time spent with sponsors is so valuable as I learn from them what their needs are and how we can best meet those from the KAY state office.

It is now time to consider hosting a Unit Conference for next year. If you want to reach out to a host school to get more information from their standpoint, I know they would be willing to share. These smaller conferences are a great way to help build team unity and develop leadership skills.

KAY Leadership Camp

KAY Leadership Camp (KLC) will be from July 24-28, 2023 at Rock Springs 4- H Center. This incredible week will be dedicated to kicking off our year of “Leadership Roundup” and to have fun along the way. KAY clubs will receive camp posters, brochures, and detailed information at the Unit Conferences.

KLC REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 17!

KAY Lettering

Sponsors have asked about KAY clubs that give letters (similar to academic/athletic) to members who meet set criteria. KAY, as an organization, does not have a set criteria for earning a letter, just as KSHSAA does not set the criteria for a drama or basketball letter. If your club awards letters to its KAY members and you are willing to share that information with others, please send the details to me I will include it in an upcoming newsletter.

Officer/Board Elections

This is the time of year to be thinking about how to conduct those officer elections and plan for the transition of leadership. One last reminder for this spring is scheduling a time to CELEBRATE all the successes from this past year in your KAY club. Everyone has worked so hard to accomplish their goals and it is important to come together and celebrate those accomplishments and build momentum for the 2023-2024 school year

KSHSAA True Blue Scholarships

The KSHSAA will award True Blue Scholarships intended to support Kansas High School graduates in postsecondary efforts. This one-time scholarship is for students graduating during the 2022-2023 school year. These funds will be made payable to a two-year or four-year accredited college, university, or technical school in the name of the selected student. Awards are non-renewable, one-time scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 provided for a student in each activity administered by the KSHSAA. The application is now open and due March 1, 2023.

Wanda May Vinson Scholarship

The Wanda May Vinson Scholarship application is due by April 1, 2023. This is a great opportunity for KAY seniors to apply for funds for postsecondary education. [Scholarship Application](#)