



Kansas Independent
College Association

BENEFITS TO TAXPAYERS

Demonstrating the Economic Value of Kansas' Independent Colleges and Universities

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Students and society as a whole enjoy a range of benefits due to the education provided by KICA's member institutions. A portion of these benefits accrues to state and local taxpayers in the form of higher tax receipts and a reduced demand for government-supported social services.



KICA'S MEMBER INSTITUTIONS INCREASE TAX REVENUE

- Approximately **62%** of student's attending KICA's member institutions remain in Kansas upon completing their educational goals. As students earn more, they pay higher taxes. Employers also pay higher taxes through their increased output and spending.
- Over the students' working lives, state and local government in Kansas will collect a present value of **\$212.6 million** in the form of higher tax receipts.

KICA'S MEMBER INSTITUTIONS REDUCE GOVERNMENT COSTS

- Students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.
- The improved lifestyles of students attending KICA's member institutions result in a reduced demand for government-supported services. Better health leads to reduced health care costs. Reduced crime leads to a reduced burden on the criminal justice system. Further, increased employability leads to fewer claims for welfare and unemployment benefits.
- As a result of the students' overall health and well-being, taxpayers in the state of Kansas will see a present value of **\$84.1 million** in savings to government over the students' working careers.