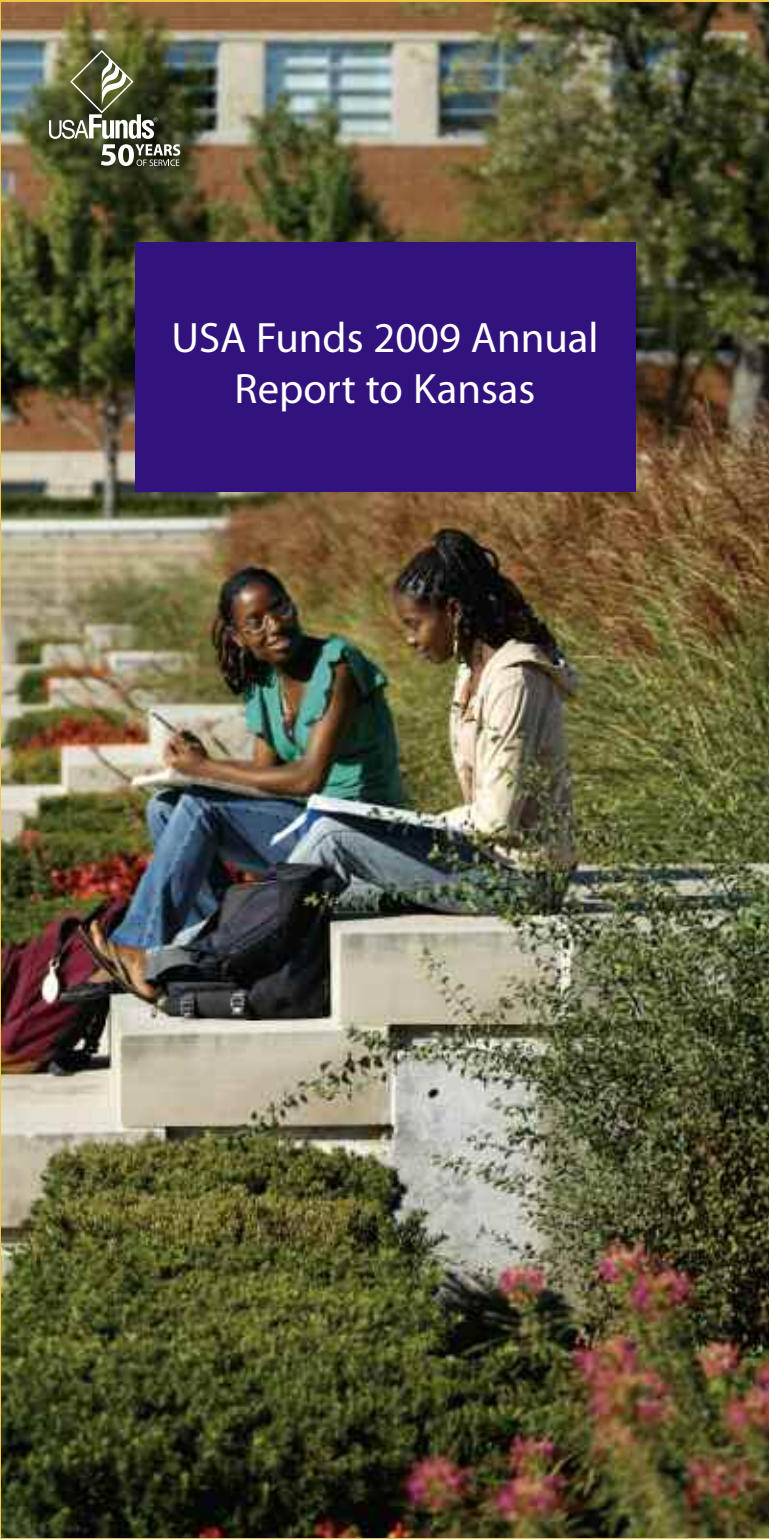




## USA Funds 2009 Annual Report to Kansas



**D**uring the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2009, USA Funds® guaranteed nearly \$216 million in new education loans to nearly 31,000 Kansas borrowers — including Federal Stafford loans for nearly 30,000 students and Federal PLUS loans for more than 1,000 parents and students.

USA Funds served 63 Kansas postsecondary school campuses. The following are highlights of products and services USA Funds offers or supports in Kansas.

## Debt management

To equip postsecondary institutions to teach their students to manage their time and money wisely while they are on campus and after graduation, USA Funds provides USA Funds Life Skills® — now in an online format. In Kansas 36 schools have implemented the financial literacy curriculum, with five schools ordering materials in 2009.

USA Funds Loan Counselor® is a suite of online products that helps schools fulfill federal education loan counseling requirements, and simplifies entrance, exit and interim counseling. In 2009 the tool's six modules provided a total of more than 16,000 borrower counseling sessions through Kansas schools.

Twenty-seven Kansas schools use USA Funds Debt Manager®, a Web-based tool that helps schools stay in contact with student loan borrowers during school and after graduation.

## Staff training

Through an array of online and in-person training opportunities, USA Funds helps colleges and lenders comply with program regulations and keeps them informed of policy developments and improved services. In 2009 USA Funds University conducted four free financial aid workshops — in Kansas City, Kan., and Wichita — for 147 participants.

USA Funds also presented workshops in those cities to address student retention, for more than 100 higher education professionals.

## Scholarships

The USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships® program awarded 148 new and renewal scholarships totaling \$219,750 to deserving college-bound students in Kansas for the 2009-2010 year. The scholarships assist students in financial need — particularly those who are either members of ethnic minority groups or are physically disabled.

## Early awareness

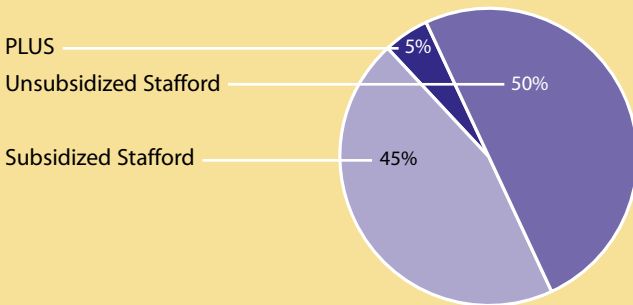
USA Funds Unlock the Future® and USA Funds Consejos promote early awareness of the benefits of higher education. In 2009 USA Funds Unlock the Future reached an estimated 180 Kansas students and family members. USA Funds Consejos, geared toward Latino audiences, reached 60 students and family members.

## Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas

USA Funds supported Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas and its expansion into Dodge City. The initiative's classroom program provides high school students with business and entrepreneurial education and experiences to help them become contributing members of society. Nearly 800 students from 24 high schools take part in the program.

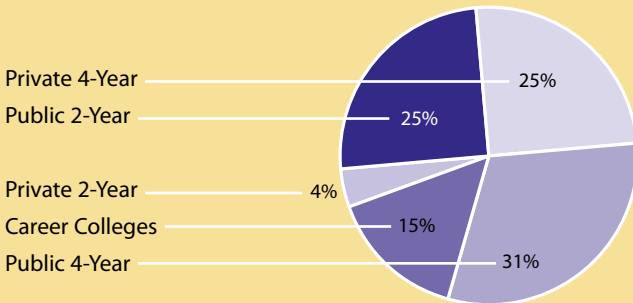
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## College Goal Sunday

USA Funds supports College Goal Sunday. The event provides high school seniors and their parents free help in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. More than 2,300 students and parents in Kansas received assistance at 20 College Goal Sunday sites in 2009.

For the seventh consecutive year, USA Funds also sponsored "USA Funds Countdown to College™," which promotes Kansas' College Goal Sunday. The *Topeka Capital-Journal* and *Wichita Eagle* distributed 190,000 copies of the publication, which promotes College Goal Sunday.

## AVID

Assistance from USA Funds helped establish the Advancement Via Individual Determination program in two schools in Wichita. The program, serving 1,261 of the city's students, places academically average students in a rigorous curriculum each year and encourages them to pursue postsecondary education.

## Kansas Academic Decathlon

To encourage academic competition and the early introduction of students to higher education, USA Funds sponsored the Kansas Academic Decathlon. More than 130 students in grades 10-12 took part in the 2009 competition at Kansas State University. ■

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