



Parent Welcome Packet

▶ Stay **On Track**

**IMPORTANT
ENROLLMENT
INFORMATION
REVIEW WITH
YOUR STUDENT
TODAY!**


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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR STUDENT'S RECENT ADMISSION TO KENT STATE UNIVERSITY!



Welcome to the Kent State family. We look forward to seeing you and your student on campus in the coming months!

Help your student stay on track to be enrolled at Kent State.

Your student recently received a copy of the **New Freshman Welcome Packet**, which contains important information about your student's next steps in the enrollment process at Kent State. We've highlighted the same information for you in this packet. Review this information with your student today. If you have any questions about this packet or need further information, please contact an admissions counselor at 1-800-988-5368.



TO DO

- 1 Review your student's admission letter** and notify the Admissions Office at 1-800-988-5368 of any corrections or changes to your address, phone number or the intended major.
- 2 Each student should log in to FlashLine** at www.kent.edu and answer the security questions and reset the password. You and your student should review the checklist together on the New@KSU tab in FlashLine. Check back often for updates as you move through the enrollment process.
- 3 Pay the \$150* enrollment fee** to reserve the student's place in the freshman class. Refer to the Enrollment Fee Details on the next page. Please note the enrollment fee is separate from the housing prepayment, which is due when applying for on-campus housing.
- 4 Apply for financial aid** beginning Jan. 1, 2012, and complete a scholarship search. Go online to www.kent.edu/financialaid for more information. See the financial aid checklist on Page 4.
- 5 Apply for on-campus housing** beginning Feb. 1, 2012, at www.kent.edu/housing or submit the commuter exemption form. A \$25 application fee and a \$200* housing prepayment are due at the time of the application. Refer to the Housing Application Details on the next page. Kent State offers a number of dining options. For more information, contact www.kent.edu/dining or call 330-672-2541.
- 6 Schedule to attend one of our admitted student programs in the spring.** Choose one program that best fits your schedule. The programs are a great opportunity to visit campus again to get more information before making your final decision. Reservations are required. Go online to www.kent.edu/admissions/visit or call the Admissions Office for more information and to make a reservation. Please note that the programs are informational in nature and are not mandatory.
 - Admitted Student Day Programs — 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
 - Feb. 24, March 9 and April 5, 2012**
Open to majors in the colleges of Arts and Sciences; Education, Health and Human Services; Technology; and Undergraduate Studies (Undecided/Exploratory)
 - March 2, March 30 and April 10, 2012**
Open to majors in the colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design; the Arts; Business Administration; Communication and Information; Nursing; and Public Health
 - Admitted Student Reception — 7 to 8:30 p.m.**
 - April 24, 2012**
Open to all majors
- 7 Have your student schedule a Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration appointment** at www.kent.edu/destination beginning in March 2012. Refer to the Destination Kent State details on the next page.
- 8 Have your student complete placement assessments** online before attending the Destination Kent State program in June or July.
- 9 Submit your student's final high school transcript** to the Admissions Office in June. Submit immunization information to University Health Services prior to enrollment. Visit www.kent.edu/uhs for more information.
- 10 Review payment options** at www.kent.edu/bursar and review the e-bill in FlashLine with your student.
- 11 Review parking information and purchase a parking permit** at www.kent.edu/parking.
- 12 Move-in** (Aug. 23, 2012) and attend Welcome Weekend activities Aug. 24-26, 2012. Classes begin Aug. 27, 2012.

*If payment of the enrollment fee or the housing prepayment presents a financial hardship, please contact the Admissions Office or Residence Services to discuss options.

TO KNOW



Enrollment Fee Details

Confirm your student's place in the freshman class by paying the enrollment fee. The enrollment fee is \$150 and is a one-time fee that covers the student's cost for Destination Kent State and other new student orientation activities for incoming freshmen at the Kent Campus. The deadline to submit the enrollment fee is May 1, 2012, for students admitted by April 15. For students admitted after April 15, the enrollment fee is due six weeks after the date of the admission letter. The enrollment fee must be paid prior to registration for Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration.

To pay the enrollment fee online, have your student log in to FlashLine and click on the New@KSU tab. Click on the Next Steps: Checklist for Kent Campus Freshmen and follow the instructions for Pay Enrollment Fee. If you prefer, you may mail in a \$150 check payable to Kent State University Admissions Office in the envelope provided with this packet. Please write the Kent State identification number (found on the admission letter) in the memo line of the check to ensure that the payment is credited to the correct student account. Phone payments will not be accepted.

The enrollment fee is refundable until May 1, 2012, for students who decide to enroll at another college and request a refund in writing to Enrollment Fee Refund, Admissions Office, Kent State University, PO Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242-0001. No refunds of the enrollment fee will be made after May 1, 2012.



Online Housing Application/Commuter Exemption Form Details

Go online to www.kent.edu/housing to review Kent State's outstanding on-campus housing options. Be sure to click on the Learning Communities tab for information on Kent State's living-learning communities, residential colleges and theme communities.

The online housing application will be available starting Feb. 1, 2012. Housing assignments are based on the date of the application. The \$25 housing application fee is a one-time nonrefundable fee to apply for on-campus housing. The \$200 housing pre-payment fee will be applied to the fall invoice. It is refundable if a request is made in writing to Residence Services by June 1, 2012. No refunds will be made after June 1. Housing assignments will be communicated to students starting July 5, 2012.

All incoming freshmen are required to live on campus for the first two years. Students under the age of 21 who live within a 50-mile radius of the Kent Campus, may choose to commute from their parent's or legal guardian's home. Students who choose this option must submit the Commuter Exemption form, which is available on the Residence Services website. Students under the age of 21 are not permitted to live in off-campus housing.



Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration Details

Destination Kent State is a required three-step orientation program designed to help students transition to Kent State and achieve success. The first step is Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration. All new students will attend the program in June or July to register for fall classes. During the overnight visit, students will stay in the residence halls, meet other incoming students, meet with an academic advisor to create their fall class schedule and take part in many more activities.

Invitations to register for this program will be mailed to your home beginning in March. Once you receive the invitation, go online to www.kent.edu/destination for additional information and to register. The enrollment fee helps to cover the cost of the program, so there are no additional fees for students to attend.

Family members are invited and encouraged to attend Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration with their student. They will have the opportunity to learn more about financial aid and payment options, living on or commuting to campus, as well as how to help their student make a successful transition to college life. Family members attending the program will pay a program fee of \$39 per person. Family members, who choose to spend the night, will be housed in a residence hall separate from their student at a cost of \$23 per person. Families driving long distances can choose to spend an additional night in the residence hall prior to their visit, at a cost of \$23 per person. Payment of fees is required at the time of registration for the program.

Student Financial Aid Checklist



September - December

- Apply for admission to Kent State University at www.kent.edu/admissions.
- Begin a comprehensive scholarship search at www.kent.edu/financialaid/scholarships.
- Visit Student Financial Aid website www.kent.edu/financialaid for informational videos (including Spanish translations).
- Consider the cost to attend Kent State University:
 - Tuition: www.kent.edu/bursar
 - On-campus Housing: www.kent.edu/housing
 - Meal Plans: www.kent.edu/dining

January - March

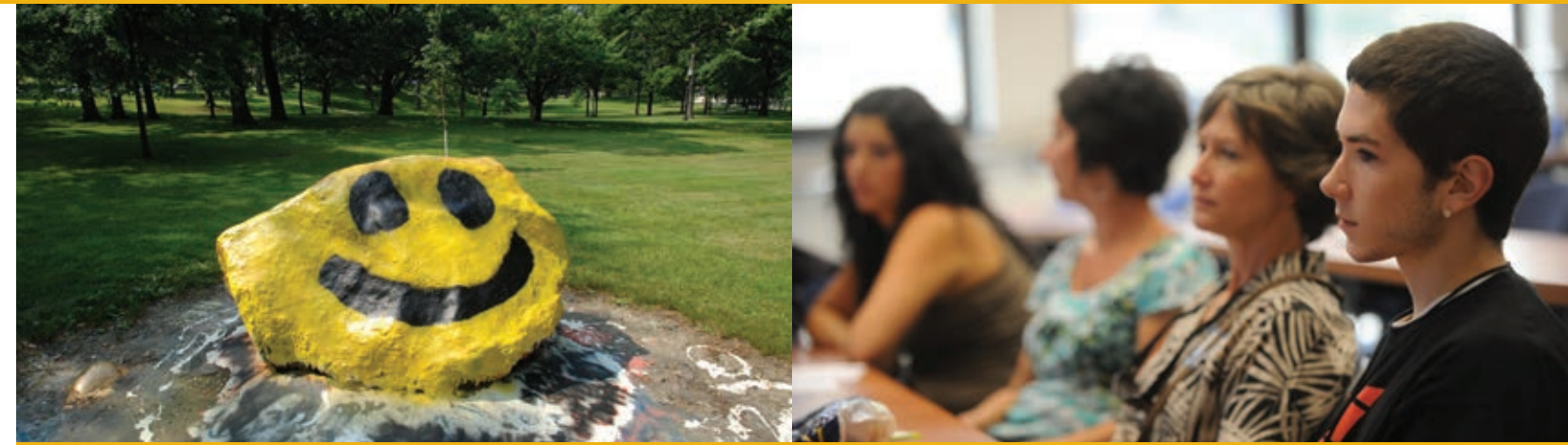
- Submit admissions application and all academic credentials to Kent State University by Jan. 15 for scholarship consideration.
- Consider attending a financial aid workshop. Go online to www.kent.edu/financialaid/workshop for information and details on Kent State's workshops.
- File a 2012-2013 (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov by Feb. 15 for priority processing.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) on the FAFSA website. If necessary, make corrections to your FAFSA.
- View your student financial aid awards and/or any outstanding financial aid requirements on FlashLine.
- If you will enroll at Kent State University in the summer and would like to use your financial aid, complete the Summer Aid Request Form at www.kent.edu/financialaid/summer.

April - May

- If borrowing federal student loans:
 - Students must accept, decline or reduce federal loans via FlashLine.
 - First-time borrowers: Sign the Master Promissory Note and complete Entrance Loan Counseling at www.studentloans.gov.
 - To apply for the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan, go to www.studentloans.gov.
 - View information about direct loan interest rates and repayment of federal loans at www.direct.ed.gov.
- If borrowing a private/alternative student loan, compare lender options and apply through www.kent.edu/financialaid/fastchoice.
- If awarded institutional scholarships, accept award on FlashLine.

June - August

- View payment due dates at www.kent.edu/bursar.
- Check your Kent State University email account (beginning in July) for email notification regarding your e-bill availability.
- Consider Payment Options at www.kent.edu/bursar/paymentoptions.
- Review Q and A regarding authorization of your federal financial aid at www.kent.edu/bursar.
- Review excess financial aid refund information at www.kent.edu/bursar/refunds.



TO CONTACT

Admissions

800-988-KENT

www.kent.edu/admissions

Admissions TTY/TDD

330-672-3148

Bursar's Office

330-672-2626

www.kent.edu/bursar

Center for Adult and Veteran Services

330-672-7933

www.kent.edu/cavs

Campus Operator

330-672-2121

www.kent.edu

Career Services Center

330-672-2360

www.kent.edu/career

Center for Student Involvement

330-672-2480

www.kent.edu/csi

Honors College

330-672-2312

www.kent.edu/honors

Intercollegiate Athletics

330-672-5974

www.kentstatesports.com

Regional Campuses

330-672-2286

www.kent.edu/campuses

Residence Services

800-706-8941

www.kent.edu/housing

Student Accessibility Services

330-672-3391

www.kent.edu/sas

Student Financial Aid

330-672-2972

www.kent.edu/financialaid

Student Multicultural Center

330-672-3560

www.kent.edu/smc

Student Success Programs Destination Kent State

330-672-9292

www.kent.edu/success

University Health Services

330-672-2322

www.kent.edu/uhs

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