Offering dedicated opportunities throughout the academic year for cultural and learning experiences for incoming KSU students who have experienced homelessness and/or the foster care system.
Youth must be currently enrolled or accepted to attend Kennesaw State University and are pursuing their first bachelor's degree. They must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Verified as an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth status based upon the McKinney-Vento Act provided by their High School Homeless Liaison
- Eligible for an Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program funded by the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), Independent Living Program (ILP) of the Georgia Foster Care Unit.
- Eligibility otherwise determined by CARE Case Manager or Program Coordinator
Why Join ASCEND?

Services include:

• **Summer Bridge:** Students arrive a week early to campus for fall semester. Move onto campus to explore campus, interact with current CARE students, meet committed and supportive faculty, staff, and community members and begin a successful transition into college life. *Attendees must apply to be apart of this service.* (See Next Steps page to apply)

• **ASCEND Living-Learning Community (LLC):** Within the Program is an option to reside in the ASCEND LLC. Depending on room availability, and if the eligibility requirements below are met, these students live together as a community so they can build stronger, hopefully life-long, relationships with students with similar life experiences. Housing is available on a yearly lease August-July. *Students must apply for the ASCEND LLC.* (See Next Steps page to apply)

• **Academic and Professional Development Workshop Series:** Providing students with strategies on improving their study and time management skills, economic mobility, and engagement with the KSU campus and peers.

• **Cultural and Education Abroad Enrichment Activities:** Providing exposure to new cultural experiences is key to a broaden students' worldview. As available, stipends will be awarded to students to support their Education Aboard travels.

• **Near Peer Mentoring:** Over the first year, CARE’s current students or recent graduates will be available to offer firsthand insight and advice to newly enrolled ASCEND scholars.

• **Case Management:** Together, the student and case manager will develop an individualized plan intended to empower the student to work towards their daily living needs.
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Benefits include:
- KSU Housing’s Reservation Fee covered
- Service opportunities
- Private study room and group space
- Rental Assistance
- Professional Development
- Activities and Retreats
Here are your... Next Steps!

Get your finances ready:

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA
Need assistance? Find your Financial Aid Counselor here:
https://financialaid.kennesaw.edu/contact-counselor.php

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
https://scholarships.kennesaw.edu/ (Application period is Nov-March)
https://care.kennesaw.edu/services/scholarships/index.php
Follow on Social Media for tips

Register for Orientation
Visit https://orientation.kennesaw.edu/ignition/fees.php
Note: There is a $40.00 registration fee. Need help with paying for Orientation? Email careservices@kennesaw.edu

Register for ASCEND Summer Bridge
Click here to apply: https://care.kennesaw.edu/ksu-cares/ascendbridgeprogram.php

Apply for KSU Housing

APPLY FOR GENERAL HOUSING
For on campus housing, you will need to apply for KSU Housing. Go to www.kennesaw.edu/housing. If you DO NOT have a guarantor, email KSU CARES at careservices@kennesaw.edu before you apply. There is a $375.00 Reservation Fee

INTERESTED IN THE ASCEND LLC?
Click here to apply https://kennesawstateuniversity-vbzux.formstack.com/forms/ascend_llc_application
For those accepted into the LLC, KSU CARES will cover the $375 Reservation Fee.

Apply for Campus Jobs
If you are interested in working on campus, check out these resources:
Complete the Federal Work Study application at
https://financialaid.kennesaw.edu/types-of-aid/fws-application.php
Search for available Campus Jobs at
https://kennesaw.joinhandshake.com/login/
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