

**Ready to Serve: Building a Day-1-Ready Public Health Workforce for Kansas and Beyond**

## Scholarship Application Instructions for Statement of Objectives for MPH or Certificate

Prepare a statement of 2-3 pages in the style of a letter. This is used in the evaluation of your application and reviewed by faculty from the area/degree program you select. Include the following items:

1. Clearly state your application is for the HRSA public health scholarship and a public health graduate degree.
2. Clearly state if your application is for the MPH or Certificate. (in the first paragraph)
3. If MPH, clearly state which MPH area of emphasis you wish to study. (in the first paragraph)
  - Food Safety & Biosecurity
  - Infectious Diseases & Zoonoses
  - Public Health Nutrition
  - Public Health Physical Activity
4. Clearly state if you are a DVM/MPH or Bachelor/MPH degree candidate. (in the first paragraph)
5. Discuss why you are interested in a public health degree, the strengths you have at the time of application, and areas you would like to increase your expertise, competencies, and personal/professional development.
6. Outline your professional goals, immediate and long term. (what do you see yourself doing with your degree)
7. Describe which aspects of your area of emphasis (or certificate) are most appealing to you and how they fit into your career goals. Indicate if there is an MPH faculty member whose expertise match your interests.
8. Describe 1-2 academic, professional experiences that have shaped your interest in public health.
9. Confirm that you will be available for an interview (conducted virtually).
10. Date and sign or type your name on the letter (electronic signatures are accepted)
11. Upload the letter as part of your application when you complete the K-State Graduate [Admissions process](#)

Checklist for Application

- A. Prepare a Narrative Letter of Application (see steps 1-10 above)
- B. Obtain confirmation and contact details from three people who will write a Letter of Reference
- C. Obtain a copy of all university transcripts (a minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale in the last 60 hrs of coursework)
  - Submit A-C with a completed application via the admissions portal of the K-State Graduate School
  - Be prepared to have an interview with the MPH program once your application is reviewed
  - Contact the MPH office for Fall 2024 deadlines