

KANSAS ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM

About the Program

In 2000, a committee of Kansas County Highway Association members began meeting to consider a road scholar program for Kansas. In conjunction with efforts from KS LTAP, KDOT and KAC, the program - Kansas County Road Scholar Program - began. In 2004 a committee of Kansas Chapter American Public Works Association members began meeting to consider a road scholar program for Kansas municipalities. Kansas Chapter APWA and KCHA collaborated and the brand new - Kansas Road Scholar Program - was born.

The Road Scholar Program's primary purpose is to promote a skilled workforce for Kansas public works agencies. The program provides training to increase knowledge of road maintenance procedures and improve technical, supervisory and managerial skills. The program enhances skills and knowledge of operators as well as those who supervise others, or aspire to management in public works operations.

Training is provided by KS LTAP, KAC, APWA and KDOT. Attendance is tracked and certificates of program completion are awarded twice a year by KCHA and annually by APWA, in conjunction with state-wide meetings.

Certificates are awarded at each at each program level and must be earned at the preceding level in order to obtain a certificate at a more advanced level. Classes may be taken in any order at any time. However, a certificate will not be awarded until all required courses are completed in the program.

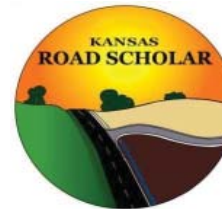
All Kansas public works employees are invited to participate in the Kansas Road Scholar Program. Enrollment in the Road Scholar Program is not a requirement of class attendance. This is not a degree program and completion does not certify a standard of performance. Each certificate states that the participant attended the required courses.

How to Participate

To Apply: Complete the application form and include the one-time non-refundable application fee of \$35 (required for each program level) and mail as directed on the application form. The Technical Skills Program and the Executive Development program are monitored by KS LTAP, and the Supervisory Skills Program is monitored by KAC.

Class Availability: Classes are offered in an on-going basis all across the State. Classes are provided on a 2-year rotation. Contact KS LTAP or KAC for information on training scheduled in your area.

Class Credit: Credit is given for classes taken within the last three years. The full series in each program must be completed within six years of program enrollment.



LEVELS OF THE PROGRAM

LEVEL I: ROAD SCHOLAR TECHNICAL SKILLS PROGRAM

Goal: To enhance the knowledge of general public works maintenance and construction methods, safety practices, and local government organization as it applies to the direct delivery of quality public service.

Objective: To provide a comprehensive technical skills program and recognition for participation in technical skills training.

Recognition: Road Scholar certificates are awarded to individuals who participate in all required courses within the required time period. Courses completed 3 years prior to registration are eligible towards completion of the certificate.

LEVEL II: ADVANCED ROAD SCHOLAR SUPERVISORY SKILLS

Goal: To develop supervisory skills for persons engaged in public works maintenance and construction activities.

Objective: To provide comprehensive supervisory skills training and recognition for participation in supervisory training.

Recognition: Advanced Road Scholar recognition is awarded to individuals who have achieved Road Scholar status and completed all of the above courses within the required time period. Courses completed 3 years prior to registration are eligible towards completion of the certificate. Level I and Level II courses may be taken simultaneously.

LEVEL III: MASTER ROAD SCHOLAR EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT

Goal: To enhance management and administrative skills for those who are appointed or aspire to be appointed as a county highway administrator, county or city engineer, or public works director.

Objective: To provide comprehensive administrator training and recognition for participation in the executive development program.

Recognition: Master Road Scholar is awarded to individuals who (1) have completed Levels I and II of the Road Scholar Program and the courses listed above; or (2) have 5 years of experience in public works administration and have completed Level II and the courses listed above in the required 6 - year time period. Level II and Level III may be taken simultaneously.

CENSUS INFORMATION

Level I: Technical Skills Enrollees

<u>Counties</u>	
Barton County	1
Butler County	13
Clark County	1
Coffey County	8
Cowley County	1
Dickinson County	2
Douglas County	1
Ellis County	4
Finney County	1
Grant County	2
Jefferson County	4
Labette County	2
Lyon County	1
McPherson County	4
Miami County	5
Montgomery County	2
Pawnee County	2
Reno County	5
Riley County	6
Saline County	6
Sheridan County	1

<u>Cities</u>	
City of Burlington	7
City of DeSoto	6
City of Hays	5
City of Lawrence	5
City of Longton	1
City of Newton	1
City of Ottawa	5
City of Yates Center	1

TOTAL 103

*Monitoring Agency:
Kansas Local Technical Assistance
Program (KS LTAP)*

Level II: Supervisory Skills Enrollees

There are currently 85 individuals pursuing the Level II Certificate.

*Monitoring Agency:
Kansas Association of Counties*

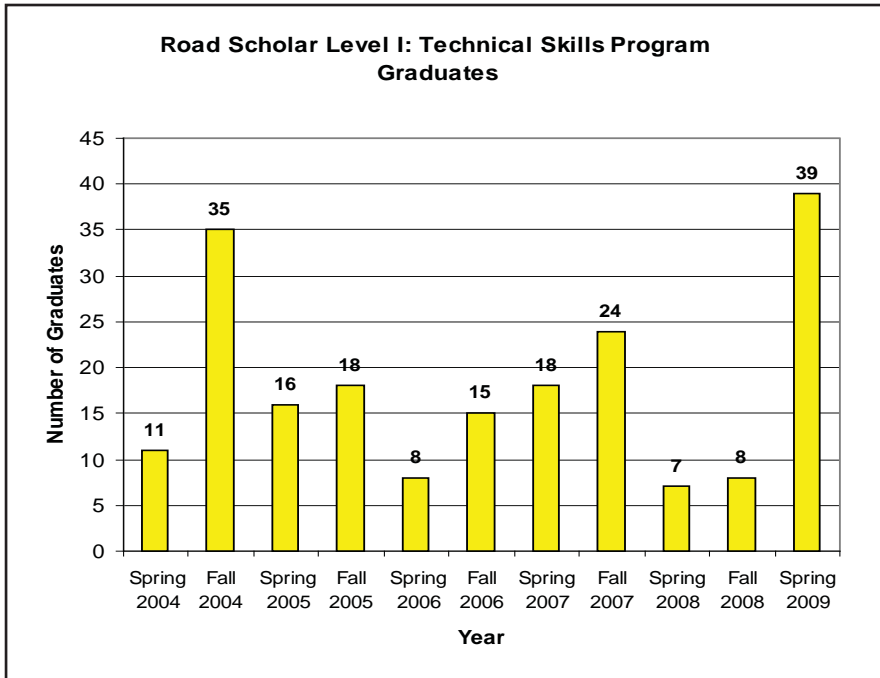
Level III: Executive Development Enrollees

<u>Counties</u>	
Barber County	1
Bruno Township	1
Butler County	1
Clark County	1
Coffey County	4
Ellis County	1
Franklin County	1
Hamilton County	1
Jefferson County	1
Miami County	2
Pawnee County	1
Pleasant Township	1
Riley County	4
Saline County	3
Seward County	1
Trego County	1

<u>Cities</u>	
City of Burlington	2
City of Ottawa	3
City of Newton	2
TOTAL	32

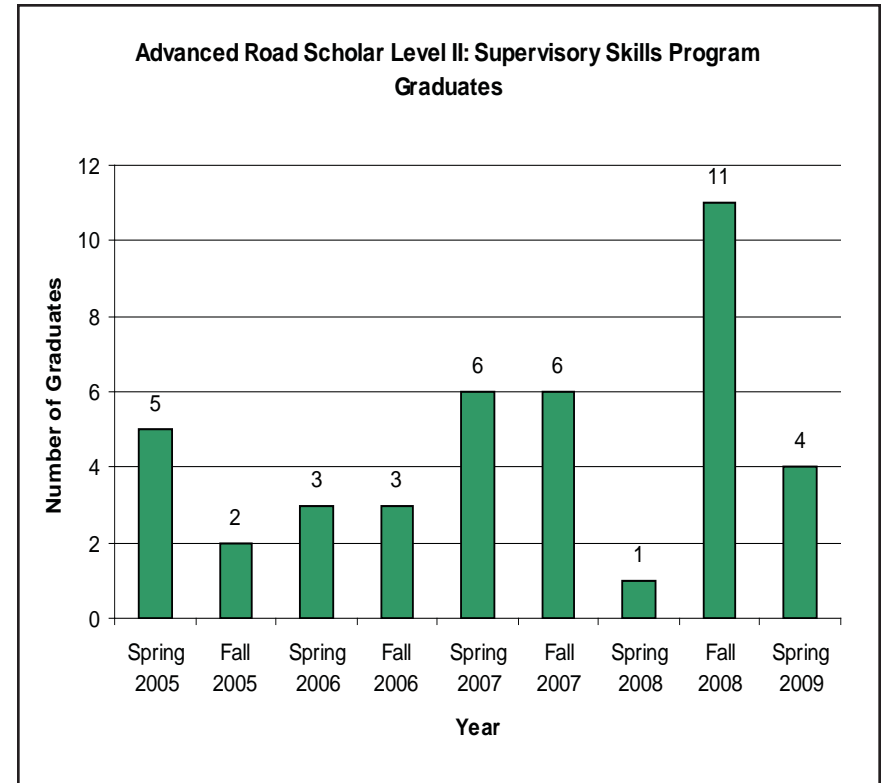
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GRADUATE CENSUS

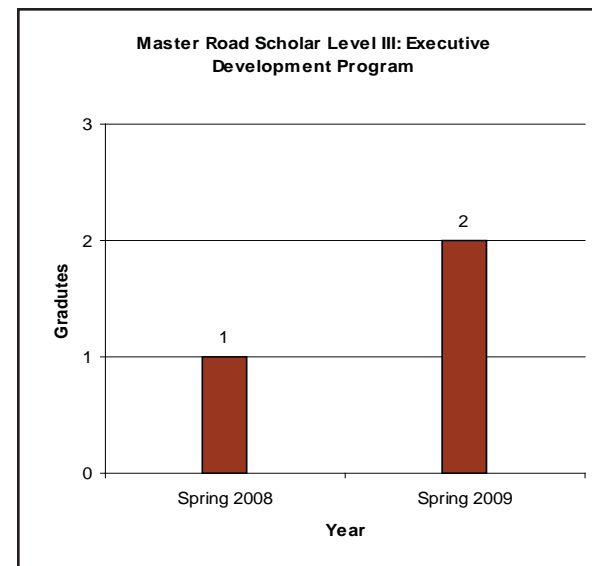


As of April 2009 a total of 199 individuals have earned a certificate for completion of the Kansas Road Scholar Level I Technical Skills Program. A group of 103 "active" (have taken classes in the last two year) individuals continue to pursue the Level I certificate. Each "Road Scholar" attended then different training sessions for a total of at least 50 hours of instruction. This instruction was provided by the Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas LTAP, the TASK Program, and the National Highway Institute. This training has created strong partnerships among KAC, KCHA, KS LTAP and KDOT.

Participating agencies include, Counties: Allen, Barber, Barton, Bruno Township, Butler, Clark, Coffey, Crawford, Dickinson, Douglas, Edwards, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Franklin, Grant, Hamilton, Jefferson, Johnson, Kingman, Labette, Lyon, McPherson, Meade, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Norton, Osage, Pawnee, Republic, Riley, Reno, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sheridan, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Trego, and Woodson. Cities: Burlington, DeSoto, Hays, Holcomb, Lawrence, Longton, Newton, Ottawa, Salina, and Yates Center.



(Above) As of April 2009 a total of 41 individuals have earned a certificate for completion of the Kansas Road Scholar Level II Supervisory Skills Program. A group of 85 individuals continue to pursue the Level II certificate.



(Left) As of April 2009 a total of 3 individuals have earned a certificate for completion of the Kansas Road Scholar Level III Executive Development Program. A group of 32 individuals continue to pursue the Level III certificate.

2009 GRADUATES



Level I County Graduates

Name	County
Allen Reed	Butler
David Lehman	Coffey
Richard Lehman	Coffey
David Sherwood	Coffey
Charles Albers	Ellis
Kirby Bartlett	Ellis
Chris Brungardt	Ellis
Joe Day	Ellis
Dan Dreher	Ellis
Arlen Gabel	Ellis
Gary Haas	Ellis
Steven Hazen	Ellis
Dale Hickey	Ellis
Randall Jackson	Ellis
Melvin Kinderknecht	Ellis
Martin Labarge	Ellis
Claude Lemon	Ellis
Darrell Loreg	Ellis
Robert Moore	Ellis
Dan Nease	Ellis
Richard Nemechek	Ellis
Tom Prewo	Ellis
Daniel Randa	Ellis
David Rupp	Ellis
Mikel Sarver	Ellis
David Schuster	Ellis
Steve Seitz	Ellis
Fred Tholen	Ellis
Bruce Unrein	Ellis
Dave VonFeldt	Ellis
Chris VonLintel	Ellis
Tim Werth	Ellis
David Wilkerson	Ellis
Joe Wilkerson	Ellis
Dan Bymun	Grant
Randy McCauley	Grant
Clint Stapleton	Meade
Rusty Strickler	Meade
James Rice	Miami
Dale Dorsch	Nemaha
J.D. Matzke	Riley
Tyson Gold	Saline
Howard Franklin	Saline
Layne Schochke	Saline

Level I City Graduates

Name	City
Gary Birk	Burlington
Mark Davidson	Burlington
Merlin Kaufman	Burlington
Chad Bentley	Ottawa
Jeremy Brockus	Ottawa
Larry Matile	Ottawa

Level II Graduates

Name	County
Mike Craft	Bulter
Martin Bolmer	Ford
Dennis Stottlemire	Johnson
James Rice	Miami
Kurt Demel	Pawnee
Jim Avery	Riley
Daniel Mathies	Riley
Roger Nelson	Riley
Jim Taylor	Riley
Dale Pfannenstiel	Trego

Level III Graduates

Name	County
Jeff Welton	Franklin
Randy Blehm	Meade
Mark Painter	Meade

Partners: Kansas County Highway Association (KCHA),
 American Public Works Association (KS Chapter),
 Kansas Association of Counties (KAC),
 Local Technical Assistance Program (KS LTAP),
 Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and
 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

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