2027-28 KINDER INSTITUTE DEMOCRACY LAB and WALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Kinder Institute is excited to offer all participants in our Democracy Lab FIG the opportunity to apply for one of three first-year scholarships: the need-based Morgan Scholarship, merit-based Atterbury Scholarship, or general Kinder Scholarship. Applying is a simple, three-step process and completing one application makes you eligible for all three versions of the scholarship.

In addition, past participants in our high school Constitutional Democracy Academy (CDA) are eligible to apply for a four-year Wall Scholarship by completing the standard application and answering the additional essay marked "CDA-only" below. All Wall applicants will be considered for a standard first-year scholarship.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Locate the application in Mizzou's scholarship portal using "Kinder" as a search term or use the direct link provided on the Democracy Lab FIG page on the Kinder Institute website, democracy.missouri.edu.

Step 2. Answer "Yes" to the question regarding having selected/intending to select the Kinder Institute Democracy Lab or Honors Democracy Lab option on the FIG preference form to unlock the essay questions and resume upload portal. Past CDA participants should answer "Yes" to the question about having done CDA to unlock the required third essay question required of all Wall Scholarship applicants.

Step 3. Respond to the essay questions and upload a copy of your resume, as detailed below.

I. *Essay Questions*: The application will cue you to answer the following essay prompts in 300 words **each**

- What are the greatest obstacles that civic education faces in the 21st century?
- How do you see yourself engaging in the Kinder Institute's community both inside and outside the classroom? In addition to the FIG, the Kinder Institute offers a BA in Constitutional Democracy, holds biweekly public lectures, sponsors study abroad programs and programs which allow students to study in DC, and encourages undergraduate research. What interests you most?
- **CDA-only**: How have you integrated the lessons you learned at the Constitutional Democracy Academy into your life as a high school student?

II. *Academic Resume*: You will then see a field where you can upload a resume that should detail your high school accomplishments, making sure, when applicable, to include such things as GPA; ACT and/or SAT scores; AP, IB, and/or dual-credit classes taken; awards received; clubs participated in; work and/or volunteer experience.

Once you've done this, click submit, and the application should find its way to us. If anyone has trouble navigating the new Mizzou scholarship application system, contact Kinder Institute Director of Undergrad Studies Dr. Thomas Kane, KaneTC@missouri.edu, and we can figure out an alternate submission method.

DECISIONS and DEADLINES

Applications open on November 1, 2026, with a deadline of February 1, 2027. Any application received by the early deadline of December 15, 2026, will receive notification about their scholarship award in mid-January. See the following page for eligibility criteria and terms and conditions associated with the scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY and TERMS

—Acceptance into MU's Honors College is a pre-requisite for receiving an Atterbury Scholarship and demonstrated federal financial need, as determined by MU's Office of Financial Aid, is a pre-requisite for receiving a Morgan Scholarship. Students who fall into neither category are still eligible for a Kinder Scholarship. Prior attendance at CDA is a pre-requisite for a Wall Scholarship, but all Wall-eligible students will also be considered for one of the other three FIG scholarships.

—Scholarships will be disbursed in two, equal installments prior to the beginning of the Fall 2027 and Spring 2028 semesters. Recipients must be enrolled in the core courses associated with the Democracy Lab FIG, as well as the one-credit hour, KIDL-specific class in the fall, to receive their scholarships.

The core seminars are GN_HON 2245H: Revolutions (fall) and GN_HON 2246H: Constitutions (spring) for Honors students. For non-Honors students, the core seminars CNST_DEM 2100: Revolutionary Transformation of Early America (fall, cross-listed with History) and CNST_DEM 2455: Constitutional Debates (spring, cross-listed with Political Science). In the fall, both Honors and non-Honors students are also required to take HIST 2150: A Global History of the Civil War.

Any questions can be directed to Dr. Thomas Kane, KaneTC@missouri.edu