KANSAS ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE
Eligibility & Guidelines

Student Qualifications
The Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge (KEC) is open to full and part-time students from Kansas Board of Regents Universities and KEC-invited Kansas high schools. Students must be enrolled during the semester the competition is held. The concept and venture must demonstrate student management and ownership. Individuals or teams of no more than four students may submit a concept. Teams must have a faculty/staff sponsor from the team’s school that will authenticate that the venture concept and executive summary were the student team’s original work. Teams must present in-person at the KEC Finals.

Concept Qualifications
The KEC is for new, independent student-run ventures in the concept stage or seed stage. Concepts must be the original work of the students who comprise the team. Either for-profit or not-for-profit entities are eligible. Generally excluded from entry are the following: buy-outs, expansions of existing companies, real estate syndications, tax shelters, franchises, and licensing agreements for distribution in the local market. The licensing of technologies or commercialization of research that is not the original work of the student team is prohibited.

Limit on Ideas
Each Kansas Board of Regents University and KEC-invited high school is allowed to enter one team with one idea for the competition. A panel of judges will review high school team submissions and select the top teams to present at the finals.

Executive Summary
The written executive summary must not exceed three pages and must be submitted in one PDF format document by the stated deadline. No exceptions are permitted. Any submissions not meeting these guidelines will automatically be disqualified.

Finals
Those teams chosen to compete in the Finals will be notified of regulations and policies for their presentations.