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## People are relocating to Wichita, KS to get trained and employed in the aviation and manufacturing sectors through a new scholarship program.

The scholarship promises paid tuition and fees for training in a high-demand career field, a guaranteed job interview, paid relocation costs, housing and living stipend, and a potential sign-on bonus.


Wichita, KAN is experiencing rapid growth in their aviation and manufacturing operations. WSU Tech, the largest technical college in Kansas is thinking outside of the box to produce a trained workforce to meet their hiring needs. In July 2018, the purpose of the Wichita Promise Move is to relocate people who live at least 75 miles outside of the Wichita area to receive training and an employment opportunity at no cost to the student. This was created thanks to a grant initiative by the Wichita Community Foundation.

"Wichita Promise Move is designed to remove the barriers that individuals from getting trained in aviation and manufacturing. Because of their location, time or the fear of failing, this innovative workforce development strategy will help individuals get the training and employment they need to succeed in their careers.

WSU Tech set a goal to enroll 25 people who live outside Kansas and another 25 people who live in the state but outside 75-mile radius of Wichita during the fall semester to start one of their short-term aviation training programs.

As of the beginning of October, 32 students from 14 states across the U.S. have moved to Wichita with another 18 enrolled and preparing to move by the end of the month. Of these, 75% of the students have come from outside of Kansas relocating from as far as New York, California and Massachusetts.

These eligible students receive tuition and fees paid for training in [Aviation Sheetmetal Assembly](#) or [Process Mechanic Painter](#), relocation expenses paid, housing and living stipends, a guaranteed job interview and a potential sign-on bonus. Most students in the program now already have jobs waiting at places like Textron Aviation and Spirit AeroSystems Inc.



Romar Tallie of Hattiesburg, Miss., was searching for a change when he saw a social media post about the Wichita Promise Move Program. The program looked so good, he even convinced his brother, Robert Tallie, and mother, Mardavi Howard, to make the move from Mississippi to Wichita.

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application, I woke up my brother and told him, **This is our chance.**

