

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear ProStart Instructors:

The Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association Education Foundation is proud to announce the Annual Kansas ProStart Invitation, to be held in Wichita, on March 10-11, 2026. We look forward to hosting a great competition and featuring the many talented students in Kansas.

The Kansas ProStart Invitational showcases the academic and culinary skills of high school ProStart students from across the state. Winning teams from both the culinary and management events will be awarded medals and scholarships to pursue post-secondary education. Winning teams also go on to represent Kansas at the National ProStart Invitational, taking place April 24-26 in Baltimore, MD.

As we prepare for the 2026 event, we ask for your support in identifying the schools/teams that will participate. This will allow us to build the most comprehensive event plan, budget, and schedule.

Please note that each school is responsible for making their own travel arrangements and covering the costs of lodging and transportation for their students, educator(s), and chaperone(s). To assist you with the initial planning, please find detailed information regarding the hotel, and the tentative 2026 agenda.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Graham". The signature is written in a cursive style and is located below the "Thank you," text.

Lisa Graham  
Director of Educational Foundation

# KANSAS PROSTART STUDENT INVITATIONAL

## 2026 INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

This event will be held in Wichita on March 10-11, 2026, at the Wichita Marriott.

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ProStart Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Culinary Competition (team event)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, our school will participate - Estimated # of students on team (1 team per school)

(Each team can have 4 students & 1 team manager)

\_\_\_\_\_ No, our school will not be competing

Student Name	T-Shirt Size
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Instructor Name	T-Shirt Size
Instructor or Chaperone Name	T-Shirt Size

\*Each team can have 2 instructors or one instructor and one chaperone.

### Management Competition (team event)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, our school will participate - Estimated # of students on team (2 teams per school)

(Each team can have 4 students & 1 team manager)

\_\_\_\_\_ No, our school will not be competing

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Instructor Name	T-Shirt Size
Instructor or Chaperone Name	T-Shirt Size

\*Each team can have 2 instructors or one instructor and one chaperone.

*If the same students compete on a culinary & management team, please indicate with an asterisk.*

Important! This helps us budget and ensure that we have secured enough meeting space/rooms. KRHA will provide meals for team members, one teacher and one chaperone. The competition is open for anyone to observe.

Estimated Attendees - Team members \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperones \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and email this form to Lisa Graham, [lgraham@krha.org](mailto:lgraham@krha.org) by Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

**2026 Kansas ProStart Student Invitational  
Travel Information**

Hotel Information:     Wichita Marriott  
                              9100 E Corporate Hills Dr.  
                              Wichita, KS 67207  
                              316-651-0333

Room Rates:            March 10-11, 2026  
                              \$146 by deadline date of February 23, 2026  
                              All guest rooms are Non-Smoking

Although schools are exempt from sales tax, they will be required to pay transient guest tax of 6% and tourism tax of 2.75%.

Reservations made after February 23, 2026, will be accepted based on availability, at the best available rate at time of reservation.

Schools should call the Wichita Marriott by the 2/23/2026 date with a credit card number to officially reserve the rooms for each team. Your credit card will not be charged at this time, so don't hesitate to make your reservations.

March 10: opening reception, Q&A, dinner provided  
March 11: breakfast and lunch provided