

## What is the Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance?

Established on April 20, 1995, the Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance (KOVA) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote fair treatment for victims of crime. The specific purposes of KOVA are:

- To create a community of concerned citizens, agencies and organizations working together to:
  - assist in the exchange of information and ideas relevant to victims of crime;
  - further victim advocacy through a commitment to addressing the needs of crime victims and providing support to victim service providers;
  - encourage the sharing and utilization of resources;
  - identify and address other issues of concern to crime victims.
- To encourage and support the development and continuation of victim services throughout the state.
- To extend help to other community-based victim support groups and improve the efficiency of KOVA members, law enforcement personnel, other members of the criminal justice system, and the interested public in responding to the needs of victims of crime.
- To develop and present educational materials and events for public and professional information.
- To promote cooperation and concerted action on policies and programs which affect victims of crime and KOVA members.

## Who can be a member of KOVA?

Membership is open to any individual, organization, or student committed to addressing the needs of crime victims.

Anyone who qualifies as a crime victim (any person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, or financial harm as the result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime against such person) is eligible for a one-year dues-free membership.

## Who should be a member of KOVA?

Anyone who is interested in promoting and protecting the rights of victims of crime, advocating for public policy on behalf of crime victims, ensuring that victim services are provided as effectively and efficiently as possible, or informing the public of available victim services, is invited to join KOVA.

## How do I join KOVA?

Complete the attached application, detach and mail with appropriate payment to:

KOVA  
P.O. Box 2865  
Topeka, KS 66601-2865.

For more information, contact Jennie Marsh at (785) 296-7429

[www.kovakansas.org](http://www.kovakansas.org)



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Type of Membership:* (please check one)

Individual ( ) Dues \$10.00

Organization ( ) Dues \$50.00

Student ( ) Dues \$ 5.00

\*Crime Victim ( ) Dues \$ 5.00

\*First year free membership



# **Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance**

## **Your membership in KOVA provides you with the following:**

1. Input on legislative recommendations regarding crime victims' issues.
2. Participation and voting privileges at the annual meeting.
3. Opportunity to serve on the KOVA board or as a KOVA officer.
4. Committee membership participation.
5. KOVA newsletter.
6. Opportunity to have your website as a link on the KOVA website.
7. Opportunity to apply for a scholarship to attend the Governor's and Attorney General's Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference.



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