

## Who is Mary Jo Young?

Mary Jo Young was a dedicated member of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority Board of Directors for 16 years and served as Board Chair twice before completing her latest term in December 2003. She has an outstanding history of public service in her local community of Elizabethtown and to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This scholarship recognizes her many years of service and is a tribute to her selfless efforts to improve educational opportunities for Kentuckians.



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# Mary Jo Young Scholarship

High School Scholarship  
for Dual Credit and  
Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Courses

*Guide for High School Counselors*



## What is the Mary Jo Young Scholarship?

The Mary Jo Young Scholarship Program provides need-based scholarships for dual credit and online Advanced Placement® (AP) courses to disadvantaged students in grades 9-12. The scholarship was created to connect students (who likely would not take dual credit or AP courses without payment of their costs by the scholarship) with high quality, college-level learning. **Online AP courses** are delivered through the **Kentucky Virtual High School**, while **dual credit courses may be taken online or onsite**.

It's a great opportunity to help your students get a headstart on college while they're in high school. By taking a course now, students can:

- ❑ Find out what it takes to succeed at the college level.
- ❑ Be better prepared when they enter a college or university full-time.
- ❑ Save on college tuition, which makes college more affordable.
- ❑ Earn credit hours toward their high school diploma and college degree at the same time.

## How much is the Scholarship?

- ❑ \$575 for two content-semester courses.
- ❑ \$350 for one content-semester courses.

The award covers tuition, materials, test preparation, and the exam fee (if applicable) for dual credit and online AP® courses. Students can apply for awards for more than one course in a single school year.

## How do students qualify?

Students are encouraged to contact their high school guidance counselor to determine whether they may qualify. Recipients will be selected by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) based upon:

- ❑ The student's expression of academic and career goals.
- ❑ The student's individual graduation plan.
- ❑ The recommendation of school officials or community sponsors.

Mary Jo Young Scholarships will be awarded in the following order, including, but not limited to:

- ❑ Low-income students.
- ❑ Minorities.
- ❑ Students with disabilities.
- ❑ Students in low-performing schools.

To be eligible, students must:

- ❑ Be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior and a legal resident of Kentucky.
- ❑ Be enrolled in a certified school.
- ❑ Have passed prerequisite courses or demonstrate competency in prerequisite content.
- ❑ Have verification of status submitted by a school official to the Kentucky Department of Education.
- ❑ For dual credit courses:
  - ❖ Be enrolled in a Kentucky college or university before the mid-term of the course.
  - ❖ Be enrolled in credit-bearing courses as defined by Council on Postsecondary Education criteria for college placement in credit-bearing coursework (visit [www.cpe.ky.gov](http://www.cpe.ky.gov)).
- ❑ For AP® courses:
  - ❖ Agree to take the AP® exam.

## Who can I contact if I have questions?

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## Where can students learn more about college or technical training?

Students can learn how to plan for the rest of high school and go on to college at [www.GoHigherKY.org](http://www.GoHigherKY.org).

