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Work-study can provide students money, experience

One way students can help pay the cost of education after high school is through a work-study program.

Federal Work-Study rules may vary by school, but generally a student must:

- Be enrolled in an eligible program.
- Be working toward a certificate or degree.
- Have financial need.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.

Students must be paid at least the federal minimum wage. Jobs may be on or off campus. Students who submit the FAFSA will be considered for Federal Work-Study unless they ask not to be.

Many colleges have their own work-study programs. Students interested in a school's program should check with the college's financial aid office.

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Student financial summit webinars now available

Recordings of webinars from Federal Student Aid's Student Financial Empowerment Summit are now available on the [FSA website](#). The webinars include:

- **World of Work:** Dr. David Miyashiro and Ed Hidalgo of Cajon Valley Union School District in California describe the World of Work project and its connection to Student Financial Empowerment.
- **Prepare–Succeed–Repay:** A panel of experts describes the three competencies of student financial empowerment: prepare, succeed and repay.
- **Breakout Groups Debriefing:** Attendees summarize what was discussed by some of the 10 breakout meetings where the three competencies of student financial empowerment were examined in more detail.

Scholarship Spotlight

Korean American Scholarship Foundation

Southern Region Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be or become a full-time student at a college or university in the KASF Southern Region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, or Tennessee),
- be of Korean heritage (i.e., have a Korean parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent, or be adopted from Korea),
- have at least a 3.0 GPA,
- and demonstrate financial need.

If extra funds are available, non-Korean students will be considered, with preference given to the descendant of a U.S. Korean War veteran.

Number: Varies

Award: Varies

Deadline: June 30

Contact: KASF Southern Region, P.O. Box 67, Duluth GA 30097; src.scholarship@kasf.org; www.kasf.org/southern



KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEAA Outreach will continue to provide live help in January via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Some sessions will include Kentucky-specific as well as general information. The schedule is:

- **January 5:** Money Matters: Financial Basics, **Facebook**
- **January 6:** Money Matters: Show Me the Money, **Twitter**
- **January 13:** Map to College: Helping Your Middle School Students Plan for the Future, **Twitter**
- **January 14:** Map to College: Exploring Professional Degrees, **Instagram**
- **January 19:** New Year, New Goals: Senior Spring Timeline, **Facebook**
- **January 20:** New Year, New Goals: Recharging for the Spring Semester, **Twitter**
- **January 27:** College Life Spotlight: Realities of College Life, **Twitter**
- **January 28:** College Life Spotlight: Confessions of a Student Life Director, **Instagram**

All sessions begin at 2 p.m. Central.

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/

www.twitter.com/KHEAA

www.instagram.com/kheaoutreach/?hl=en

ACHE will seek funding for retainment, student aid

Student assistance and providing incentives to encourage graduates from Alabama's universities will be two topics Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) Executive Director Jim Purcell will be discussing at the pre-session legislative budget hearings on Jan. 26.

"Forbes ranked Alabama the nation's third worst state at retaining its university graduates," Purcell told commissioners at the Dec. 11 quarterly board meeting.

ACHE will ask lawmakers for \$725,00 to fund the Retain Alabama initiative. If the funds are allocated, the initiative will target STEM field students who have a 3.0 or higher GPA.

ACHE will also ask lawmakers for a 3.47 percent funding increase for the state's public universities and 3.06 percent more for the two- year colleges. The commission approved a request for a 19.37 percent increase for the Alabama Student Assistance Program (ASAP), Alabama's need-based aid program.

14 new programs approved by ACHE at recent meeting

At its December meeting, ACHE approved the following new academic programs:

- **Alabama A&M University**, a master's in public administration.
- **Athens State University**, a bachelor's in art and a master's in strategic healthcare management and administration.
- **Auburn University**, a bachelor's in genetics.
- **Auburn University at Montgomery**, a master's in speech-language pathology.
- **University of Alabama**, a doctorate in health education and promotion.
- **University of Alabama at Birmingham**, a bachelor's in biobehavioral nutrition and wellness and doctorates in community health promotion and in health behavior.
- **Calhoun Community College**, associate's degrees in criminal justice and in visual communications: multimedia production technology.
- **Enterprise State Community College**, an associate's in advanced composites and an LPN certificate .
- **Jefferson State Community College**, an associate's in histotechnician.



Counselor poster and essay contest deadline is February

Students have until February to submit posters and essays for the Alabama School Counselors Association's Annual National School Counseling Week Poster and Essay Contest.

The contest is open to students in grades K–12. Students are encouraged to describe how a school counselor has been instrumental in their school journey using either art (K–2) or written (3–12) media. Winners in grades K-12 compete for prizes: \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for 3rd place.

The state-level first-place winner for the 12th grade will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for postsecondary study, sponsored by the Alabama School Counselor Association. The student must be accepted into a postsecondary institution at the time of the scholarship award and proof of enrollment is required prior to funds distribution.

The school counselor of each state-level first-place winner will receive free registration to attend the following ALCA Annual Conference if they are an ALSCA member at the time entries are submitted to the state-level contest and at registration time for the ALCA Annual Conference.

High school freshmen, sophomores and juniors should submit essays describing what school counselors are, how they help students and if they have helped the student writing the essay.

High school seniors should tell how a school counselor has helped them toward their future goals.

Essays should be no more than one page long and have a completed, official cover sheet securely attached. The counselor must be a member of the Alabama association for students to be eligible. Typed essays should use a professional-looking font, at least 12 points in size.

Mailed entries must be postmarked by Feb. 8. Electronic submissions must be uploaded by Feb. 15.

For more information visit [their website](#).