

# Counselor Connection

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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.

“Work-study not only helps students pay for schooling but also provides valuable experience that strengthens their résumés and prepares them for life after college,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Like scholarships and grants, work-study doesn’t have to be repaid, which means students won’t have to rely as heavily on student loans, making higher education more accessible.”

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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# Scholarship Spotlight

## Korean American Scholarship Foundation

### Eastern Region Chapter

**Eligibility:** Must be a Korean or Korean-American student and be enrolled full time. Based on community service, extracurricular activities, scholastic achievement, recommendations, essay and financial need. May be awarded to a student not of Korean descent if funds are available. In that case, preference will be given to the descendant of a U.S. veteran of the Korean War.

**Award:** \$500 to \$5,000

**Contact:** Korean American Scholarship Foundation, Eastern Regional Chapter, 8300 Greensboro Drive # L1-805, Tysons Corner, VA 22102; [erc.scholarship@kasf.org](mailto:erc.scholarship@kasf.org); [kasf.org](http://kasf.org)



## 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 3 p.m. Eastern, 2 p.m. Central.

The links are:

[www.facebook.com/KHEAA/](http://www.facebook.com/KHEAA/)

[www.twitter.com/KHEAA](http://www.twitter.com/KHEAA)

[www.instagram.com/kheaaoutreach/?hl=en](http://www.instagram.com/kheaaoutreach/?hl=en)

## Deadline for Senate Youth Program is Dec. 31

Dec. 31 is the deadline for Kentucky high school juniors and seniors to apply for the 2021 United States Senate Youth Program.

The program is open to students currently serving in a school-wide, district, regional or state elected capacity in a student government, civic or educational organization. Students who held leadership positions during the 2019–2020 academic year may apply for 2021 if they cannot hold the usual qualifying positions for the current academic year because of the pandemic.

Students should possess a keen interest in government, have above average grades and be very articulate, as they will be participating in virtual discussion groups with national leaders.

The program offers two student leaders from each state a \$10,000 college scholarship and a weeklong virtual conference with special guests from all levels of government. It is funded entirely by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Counselors can request application information, which will be emailed. All testing must be overseen by a qualified proxy, even in virtual learning situations. Answers should not be discussed among students, teachers and/or the school official administering the test. All completed applications and tests must be returned with a postmark no later than Dec. 31.

Interested counselors should email Donna Melton at [donna.melton@education.ky.gov](mailto:donna.melton@education.ky.gov).



## 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.

