



COLLEGE CONNECTION

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Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship helps students enrolled in college coursework

Kentucky needs trained workers to meet increasing demand in the state's fastest growing workforce areas. The Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship provides financial assistance for eligible Kentuckians who are pursuing an industry-recognized postsecondary certificate, diploma or associate of applied science (AAS) degree. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an eligible school in an approved program in a high-demand workforce sector.
- Be a Kentucky resident and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Be a high school graduate or be enrolled in or have completed a General Educational Development (GED) program.
- Have not earned an associate's or higher degree.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the eligible postsecondary institution.
- Not be in default on any Title IV program or KHEAA-administered program.
- Submit the FAFSA.

Approved programs for 2021–2022 are health care, advanced manufacturing, transportation/logistics, business services/IT, and construction.

To apply, visit kheaa.com and sign into your account. If don't have an account, sign in to create one. Then go to MyKHEAA and follow the "Apply Online for Scholarships" link. More information about the scholarship can be found on kheaa.com under the Paying for College tab, then KHEAA-Administered Programs.



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For help with your higher education and financial aid questions, visit kheaa.com

Veterans, service members have student aid options

Veterans and members of the U.S. armed forces and National Guard may be able to take advantage of numerous student aid programs to help pay for college or technical training.

“Kentuckians who are bravely serving or have served our country through military service deserve to have help accessing the technical training and education they want so they can be equally successful as civilians,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “That assistance is the least we can do for our heroes.”

For example, active members of the Kentucky Guard who want to take advantage of the Kentucky National Guard Tuition Award can learn more by visiting the Military and Veterans section of kheaa.com.

The federal government also offers programs for the dependents of veterans and service members. Federal programs include:

- **GI Bill benefits**, first passed for veterans of World War II. The federal government offers several versions, with benefits that vary according to when the veteran entered service, when they left the service and other criteria. More changes are coming as a result of the Forever GI Bill. Visit <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/> for more information about the options.
- **Federal Tuition Assistance**, for active duty members of all branches of the armed forces, including the Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves. For more information, contact the college financial aid office or unit education officer.
- **Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants**, for students who had a parent or guardian die as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 10, 2001. For more information, visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov>.



KHEAA helps high school students earn free college credit

Kentucky high school students can earn free college credit by taking advantage of KHEAA’s Dual Credit Scholarship and Work Ready Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship (WKDC) programs for high school students.

The Dual Credit Scholarship can be used for both general education and career and technical education (CTE) dual credit courses. The WKDC can only be used for dual credit courses that are part of a CTE pathway approved by the Kentucky Department of Education.

High school juniors and seniors can take two free courses through the Dual Credit Scholarship. Students in grades 9–12 can receive scholarships for two courses per year, or eight total, with the WKDC.

In addition to the free courses, the scholarship programs limit the amount colleges can charge for all of the dual credit they offer. Students will pay much less for additional dual credit courses they take at their own expense. The most a college can charge for dual credit during the 2021–2022 school year is \$72 per credit hour.

More information about both programs and how to apply can be found in the “KHEAA Administered Programs” section under the “Paying for College” tab at kheaa.com.



Scholarship Spotlight

Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows Scholarship

Eligibility: Must have participated in any approved agricultural class; have been an active volunteer the current year at applicant's local county fair; be recommended by applicant's local fair; be a high school senior or a first-year postsecondary school student; be under age 21 as of Oct. 1 of the application year; be a resident of the county of the nominating fair; and submit an application, a 1-page letter of recommendation from the local fair board and an essay of up to 500 words on the topic "Describe how your personal life skills have been enhanced by your involvement in your local fair activities." The recipient should attend the annual business meeting in January to receive the scholarship.

Award: \$1,500; nonrenewable

Deadline: Oct. 1

Number: 3

Contact: LuAnn Asbury, 2853 Asbury Road, Augusta, KY 41002; fax 606.728.2116; luasbury@hotmail.com; www.kafs.net

KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEAA Outreach will continue to provide live help in fall via Facebook and Twitter.

The schedule is:

Sept. 13: Paying for College 101: Student Loans, **Twitter**

Sept. 20: Paying for College 101: Work Study, **YouTube**

Sept. 27: Paying for College 101: Everything You Need to Know, **Webinar**

Oct. 4: Understanding the FAFSA: What You Need, **Facebook**

Oct. 11: Understanding the FAFSA: Frequently Asked Questions, **Twitter**

Oct. 18: Understanding the FAFSA: The 2022–2023 FAFSA Walkthrough, **YouTube**

Oct. 25: Understanding the FAFSA: FAFSA Live, **Webinar**

Nov. 1: Getting Connected: Resources for Middle School Parents, **Facebook**

Nov. 8: Getting Connected: Resources for Underclassmen, **Twitter**

Nov. 15: Getting Connected: You Can Go to College Too!, **YouTube**

Nov. 29: Getting Connected: Adults Returning to School, **Webinar**

Dec. 6: FAFSA Follow-Up: Next Steps, **Facebook**

Dec. 13: FAFSA Follow-Up: Professional Judgments, **Twitter**

Dec. 20: FAFSA Follow-Up: Making Corrections to Your FAFSA, **YouTube**

All sessions begin at 7 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Central.

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/

www.twitter.com/KHEAA/

www.youtube.com/user/KHEAAMascot/

High school planners

Freshmen

- Develop good study habits.
- If you attend a public Kentucky high school, familiarize yourself with your ILP.
- Make good grades.
- Make sure you understand how the KEES program works.
- Set up an account on kheaa.com.

Sophomores

- Talk with your counselor about AP, other advanced classes and dual credit courses.
- If you attend a public Kentucky high school, check your ILP to make sure you're on track.
- Make sure your KEES account information is correct: name, address, Social Security number, date of birth, GPA.
- Make a list of colleges that interest you.
- Consider taking the PSAT as a prep for your junior year, when it counts.

Juniors

- Talk with your school counselor about your options and plans.
- Develop a list of colleges you're interested in. Check out *Getting In*, a KHEEA publication that lists Kentucky colleges and universities.
- Ask for a preview of your academic record and profile. Talk with your counselor on how you can get accepted to the school of your choice.
- Begin planning college visits. Try to time your visit so you can see classes going on.

Seniors

- Ask colleges you're interested in to send you admissions information.
- If you're applying for Early Decision, start filling out the forms to meet the deadline.
- If you haven't taken the ACT/SAT or if you think you can do better, take it again.
- Get with your counselor to find out about the financial aid sources available to you. Use KHEEA's *Affording Higher Education*.



Working while attending college can pay off

Working while going to college can pay off for students in several ways. However, if students do plan to work while in school, they should be aware of the possible drawbacks.

Gov. Andy Beshear said, “No matter what your job is, earning money while in school, building your résumé, learning to work well on a team and to build relationships with the people you’re serving through your work — all of that will help you after college, too.”

Another benefit is that students learn the importance of time management by having to juggle classes, study time, work and other parts of their life. Employment also helps them build a network of contacts and references that can help them in a future job search.

But there can be drawbacks. Working and going to school, especially if they have both a full-time job and full schedule of classes, can cut into study time. It can also reduce a person’s downtime, which they need to keep themselves healthy, as well as being a good student and employee. Before students take on more work hours or additional classes, they must make sure they will still have the time to take care of themselves.

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The advertisement features a woman with long, curly brown hair, wearing a colorful patterned shirt and a white t-shirt, smiling and holding a laptop. The laptop screen displays the Advantage Education Loans website, which includes a navigation bar, a search bar, and a main heading that reads "Save money with Advantage Education Loans! Pick the loan that's right for you!". The background is light gray with several hand-drawn dollar signs and circles floating around the woman. The overall design is clean and modern, with a blue and white color scheme.



State Poetry Out Loud registration continues

The deadline to register for Kentucky's 2022 Poetry Out Loud is Sept. 5.

All Kentucky high schools, public and private, may apply. Home-schooled students may compete through a participating local high school or a home-school regional competition. In addition, each participating school is eligible for a residency from a Kentucky Arts Council Teaching Artists Directory member to help students polish their recitations before competing.

The contest starts at the classroom level. Winners advance to school-wide competition, then to the state competition March 1, 2022.

The winner of the state finals receives \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip with an adult chaperone to Washington, D.C., to compete for a \$20,000 scholarship in the national competition. The state winner's school receives a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. The state first runner-up receives \$100, with \$200 going to their school library.

Accommodations will be made for viewers who are deaf or hard of hearing.

For more information about Poetry Out Loud in Kentucky, contact Samuel Lockridge at 502-892-3124; or samuel.lockridge@ky.gov.

For a general overview of Poetry Out Loud, visit www.poetryoutloud.org.

For more information and a complete list of rules, visit the Kentucky Arts Council [website](#).

ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
Oct. 23, 2021	Sept. 17, 2021	TBD
Dec. 11, 2021	Nov. 5, 2021	TBD
Feb. 12, 2022	Jan. 7, 2022	TBD
April 2, 2022	Feb. 25, 2022	TBD
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	TBD
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	TBD

SAT National Test Dates

Oct. 2, 2021	Sept. 3, 2021	Oct. 15, 2021
Nov. 6, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021	Nov. 19, 2021
Dec. 4, 2021	Nov. 4, 2021	Dec. 17, 2021
March 12, 2022	Feb. 11, 2022	March 25, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	May 20, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	July 13, 2022



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