

# State Government

KHEAA and other state agencies administer dozens of student financial aid programs. You'll find information about them in this section.

KHEAA was established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1966 to enhance higher education opportunities for Kentucky students and is now the primary source of state aid. Since its creation, the agency has helped hundreds of thousands of students pay for college. If you need more information about a KHEAA program, call toll free 800.928.8926 or visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

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## Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority



**Contact:** Unless otherwise noted, KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; 800.928.8926; [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com); college financial aid office; or high school counselor

### Grants

#### College Access Program Grant

**Eligibility:** Must be an undergraduate enrolled at least half time at an eligible school; be a Kentucky resident and a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or eligible noncitizen; be enrolled in an eligible program of study of at least 2 years' duration; not be in default or owe a refund on any KHEAA or Title IV educational grant or loan; be making satisfactory academic progress; not have previously earned a bachelor's degree; and have remaining semesters of KHEAA grant eligibility. Students in a 2-year program may receive the equivalent of 4 semesters, while those in 4-year programs may receive the equivalent of 8 semesters. Based on financial need.

**Award:** Up to \$2,000

**Number:** About 40,400

**Deadline:** Awards are made until funds are depleted, so students should file the FAFSA as early as possible.

#### Kentucky Tuition Grant

**Eligibility:** Must be a full-time undergraduate enrolled at an eligible private Kentucky college; be a Kentucky resident and a U.S. citizen; be enrolled in an eligible program of study; not be in default or owe a refund on any educational grant or loan; be making satisfactory academic progress; and not have previously earned a bachelor's degree. Based on financial need.

**Award:** Up to \$3,000

**Number:** About 12,400

**Deadline:** Awards are made until funds are depleted, so students should file the FAFSA as early as possible.

### Loan Repayment Programs

#### John R. Justice Loan Repayment Program

**Eligibility:** Must be full-time employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or a local government who prosecutes criminal or juvenile delinquency cases at the state or local

level; a public defender who is a full-time employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or a local government who provides legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases; a full-time employee of a nonprofit organization operating under a contract with the commonwealth or a local government who devotes substantially all of the employee's full-time employment to providing legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases; a federal defender attorney in an organization pursuant to Subsection (g) of Section 3006A of Title 18, United States Code who provides legal representation to indigent persons in criminal or juvenile delinquency cases; or an attorney who provide supervision, education or training of other persons providing prosecutor or defender representation.

Must also be continually licensed to practice law; have an outstanding balance on an eligible student loan; not be in default on repayment of any federal student loans; receive an annual salary of not more than \$55,000 for initial award applicant; have a valid bar certificate issued by the Kentucky Bar Association pursuant to Kentucky Supreme Court Rules; obtain certification of employment status from the human resources department or senior attorney; submit documentation verifying educational loan debt (loan holder, loan type and outstanding balance of all educational loans); submit a signed service agreement; and work in Kentucky.

**Award:** About \$1,000 with a lifetime maximum of \$60,000

**Number:** 48; 3 prosecutors and 3 public defenders from each Kentucky Supreme Court District, with an additional statewide category for prosecutors and public defenders who have statewide responsibility

**Deadline:** February 7

### Scholarships

#### Dual Credit Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be a Kentucky resident, be a junior or senior at a Kentucky high school, complete a college success counseling session and enroll in dual credit courses through a college's regular admissions process. Preference given to seniors.

**Number:** Varies depending on funding. Limited to 2 courses per student

**Award:** Varies. Based on tuition at state's 2-year colleges.

#### Early Graduate Certificate Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be a Kentucky public high school student who graduates in 3 years or less, file an intent to graduate early prior to October 1 of the academic year the student intends to graduate and meet minimum proficiency benchmarks for state-required end-of-course exams and ACT exam college-ready benchmarks.

**Award:** Varies; nonrenewable. Must be used the year immediately following high school graduation at a Kentucky 2- or 4-year college accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

**Deadline:** Before October 1 of graduation year

**Contact:** School counselor or [www.education.ky.gov/educational/AL/earlygrad](http://www.education.ky.gov/educational/AL/earlygrad)

#### Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for a base award, a high school student must be enrolled in a certified Kentucky high school for at least 140 days of the school year; be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident; be a Kentucky resident; achieve at least a 2.5 GPA at the end of a school year that included the core curriculum authorized by KHEAA, which requires that students be enrolled in at least 5 courses each year; and not be a convicted felon.

To earn an ACT bonus award, the student must qualify for at least 1 base award and have a composite score of at least 15 on the ACT or equivalent on the SAT. A student must graduate from a certified Kentucky high school before GPA awards can be used.

To be eligible for an ACT bonus award only, a high school student attending a non-certified, nonpublic Kentucky high school or home school must enroll in a participating college, have a composite score of at least 15 on the ACT or equivalent on the SAT, not be a convicted felon, and meet citizen and state residency requirements.

Students who maintain Kentucky residency while in an approved foreign student exchange program or the U.S. Congressional Page School or whose parent is on active military service can earn KEES awards.

Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches during any year of high school may earn additional KEES by making qualifying scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) exams. There is no limit to the number of AP/IB/CAI bonus awards a student can receive.

**GED graduates** are eligible for an ACT award only. To qualify, a **GED graduate** must receive the GED diploma when he or she is 18 to 22 years old; take the ACT or SAT at a national test site; have a composite score of 15 or higher on the ACT or equivalent on the SAT; arrange to have the score reported to the school at which the student plans to enroll; enroll in a participating school within 5 years of receiving a GED; not be a convicted felon; and meet citizenship and residency requirements.

KEES awards must generally be used in Kentucky. Students pursuing a major not available in Kentucky may be able to use KEES at an out-of-state school that participates in the Academic Common Market.

**Award:** Base awards range from \$125 (2.5 GPA) to \$500 (4.0 GPA) each year. ACT bonuses range from \$36 (ACT score of 15) to \$500 (ACT score of 28 or above). AP, IB or CAI exam bonuses range from \$200 to \$300 for AP score of 3–5 or IB scores of 5–7.

To receive a full award, college students must be enrolled full time. Students enrolled at least half time but less than full time will receive prorated amounts. At the end of the first year, students must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA, or they will lose their KEES for the next year. After the first year, students must either have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA or complete enough hours to meet the college's requirements for being on track to graduate and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 to keep the full award. Students who do not meet on-track requirements but were enrolled full time and had a cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.0 will receive half the award. Students enrolled less than full time who do not meet on-track requirements will lose the award for the next year if their cumulative GPA is below 3.0. **Award amounts may change based on funding.**

**Number:** Varies

#### **Promote Your School Scholarship**

**Eligibility:** Must be a rising junior at a Kentucky high school that participates in the KEES program, be a Kentucky resident and submit an essay of no more than 200 words about a given subject. Students from schools that have had a winner in the previous 5 years are not eligible. The winner's school must allow KHEAA to take photographs of students during school hours, with the photos being used in KHEAA's print and online publications.

**Award:** \$500

**Number:** 1

**Deadline:** May 31

#### **Work Ready Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship**

**Eligibility:** Must be a Kentucky resident and be enrolled at a Kentucky high school or be enrolled or accepted to be enrolled in a career and technical education coursework in an approved career pathway that leads to an industry recognized credential at an eligible institution,

**Award:** Equal to the dual credit course amount

**Deadline:** March 1

**Contact:** [https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/work\\_ready\\_high\\_school?main=1](https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/work_ready_high_school?main=1)

#### **Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship**

**Eligibility:** Must not have an associate's or higher degree; be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; be a Kentucky resident; be a high school or GED graduate; not be in default on any obligation to KHEAA; be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution in an approved program of study that leads to an industry-recognized certificate, diploma or associate of applied science degree in a high-demand workforce sector; and submit the FAFSA and an application.

**Award:** Tuition amount minus federal and state grants and scholarships, up to the in-state tuition and fees rate for full-time enrollment at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Available for up to 4 academic terms, 60 credit hours, or awarding of a first associate's degree. Recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the postsecondary institution, to remain eligible after the first semester funds are received.

**Number:** Varies; dependent on funding

#### **Scholarships/Loans**

##### **Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship**

**Eligibility:** Must be a Kentucky resident accepted for enrollment at the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Award:** Equal to the difference between the average in-state tuition at the state public medical schools and tuition at the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Obligation:** Must sign a promissory note, agreeing to provide a year of qualified service as a primary care physician in Kentucky for each year the scholarship is received. Recipients who fail to complete an eligible program of study or provide qualified medical service must repay the amount disbursed plus 6% interest from the date of disbursement.

**Deadline:** July 1

**Contact:** Teresa L. Jones, Financial Aid,

Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine,  
147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501;  
606.218.5407

#### **Savings**

##### **Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust**



**Description:** Helps families save for a relative's education. Deposits can be as small as \$15 if made through payroll deduction after an initial minimum deposit of \$25. The KY Saves 529 plan offers investment options designed to help families meet future education costs (including K–12 tuition). Account earnings are exempt from Kentucky taxes, and any withdrawal used for qualified education expenses in the nation is free from federal income taxes. Account savings can be used for any qualified expense.

**Contact:** 877.KYTRUST (877.598.7878) or [www.kysaves.com](http://www.kysaves.com).

## **Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation**



**Contact:** Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation, P.O. Box 24266, Louisville, KY 40224; 888.678.4625; or [www.advantageeducationloan.com](http://www.advantageeducationloan.com)

#### **Loans**

##### **Advantage Education Loan**

**Eligibility:** Must be a resident of or enrolled at an eligible school in an eligible state, be old enough to sign a loan contract at the time of application based on state of permanent residence, be a U.S. citizen or noncitizen with proof of residency card and have an acceptable income and credit history or an approved cosigner.

**Benefit:** No fees, low fixed-interest rates, 0.25% interest rate reduction for autopay. Cosigner release available after 36 months of consecutive on-time regularly scheduled payments.

**Deadline:** None

##### **Advantage Parent Loan**

**Eligibility:** Must be the parent or stepparent of an eligible student, be a U.S. citizen or noncitizen with proof of residency card, be a resident of or have a benefitting student enrolled at an eligible school in an eligible state, have an acceptable income and credit

history or an approved cosigner and have a cosigner if the loan amount is greater than \$30,000

**Benefit:** No fees, low fixed-interest rates, 0.25% interest rate reduction for autopay. Cosigner release available after 36 months of consecutive on-time regularly scheduled payments.

**Deadline:** None

#### **Advantage Refinance Loan**

**Eligibility:** Must be a U.S. citizen or non-citizen with proof of residency, have an acceptable income and credit history and be a resident of an eligible state. A cosigner may be required.

Eligible loans are any school-certified education loans: private education loans, Parent/Grad PLUS loans (FFEL/Direct), Federal Stafford loans (FFEL/Direct) and Perkins loans

**Benefit:** Fixed rates starting at 3.74% APR\*; no application or origination fees; 0.25% interest rate reduction for autopay; repayment terms of 10, 15 or 20 years. Cosigner release available after 36 months of consecutive on-time regularly scheduled payments.

\*APRs are representative samples for educational purposes only and may not reflect current or actual loan rate offers or available percentage rates. Your actual APR will depend upon your credit transaction and credit history and will be determined once a credit decision is made.

**Deadline:** None

**Note:** All loans are subject to credit approval. The interest rate is set at the time borrowers choose a repayment term and cannot be changed. KHESLC reserves the right to modify or discontinue loan features or benefits or discontinue loan programs at any time without notice.

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## **Commonwealth of Kentucky**



**Contact:** Financial aid office of any Kentucky public college or university

#### **Tuition Waivers**

##### **Dependents of Deceased Employees Participating in State-Administered Retirement Systems (KRS 164.2841)**

**Eligibility:** Must be the child or nonremarried spouse of an employee participating in a state-administered retirement system who died of a duty-related injury. Must provide proof of relationship and proof that the death or disability was duty related.

**Award:** Waiver of any matriculation or tuition fees at a state-supported university, college or vocational school

##### **Dependents of Deceased Kentucky Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters (KRS 164.2841)**

**Eligibility:** Must be the child or nonremarried spouse of a person who was a Kentucky resident upon becoming a law enforcement officer, firefighter or volunteer firefighter and who was killed while in active service or training for active service or who died as a result of a service-connected disability after June 30, 1989; be enrolled in a state-supported university, community college or vocational school; and provide proof of relationship and the circumstances of death.

**Award:** Full tuition and matriculation fees. Can be used in addition to other scholarships. Any balance left may be returned to the recipient.

**Number:** Unlimited

##### **Dependents of Disabled Employees Participating in State-Administered Retirement Systems (KRS 164.2842)**

**Eligibility:** Must be the spouse, regardless of age, or child (over age 17 and under age 23) of an employee participating in a state-administered retirement system who was disabled due to a duty-related injury. Must provide proof of relationship and proof that the disability was duty related.

**Award:** Waiver of any matriculation or tuition fees at a state-supported university, community college or vocational school for no more than 36 months

##### **Dependents of Disabled Kentucky Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters (KRS 164.2842)**

**Eligibility:** Must be the spouse, regardless of age, or child (over age 17 and under age 23) of a permanently and totally disabled law enforcement officer, firefighter or volunteer firefighter injured while in active service or in training for active service while a resident of Kentucky, regardless of when the disability occurred; be enrolled in a state-supported university, community college or vocational school; and provide proof of relationship and the qualifying disability.

**Award:** Full tuition and matriculation fees for up to 36 months

**Number:** Unlimited

##### **Senior Citizens (KRS 164.284)**

**Eligibility:** Must be age 65 or older, be a Kentucky resident and be enrolled at a state-supported 2- or 4-year college. If classes are full, the school may deny admission.

**Award:** Waiver of tuition and fees

##### **Supervising and Resource Teachers (KRS 164.2845)**

**Eligibility:** Must be a supervising teacher or a resource teacher for teacher interns and obtain prior approval of the course-offering school. Space must be available in a course. Colleges are not required to establish courses to meet teacher requests. The tuition-free courses may be used to partially satisfy requirements for an advanced degree.

**Award:** Waiver of tuition up to 6 credit hours per term at any public college or university

## Kentucky Board of Nursing



**Contact:** Jessica Hill, Program Coordinator, Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund, Kentucky Board of Nursing, 312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40222; 502.429.7179; [jessicam.hill@ky.gov](mailto:jessicam.hill@ky.gov); <http://kbn.ky.gov/nisf/pages/default.aspx>

### Scholarships/Loans

#### Nursing Incentive Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be a Kentucky resident, be admitted into an approved RN or LPN or graduate nursing program and agree to work as a nurse in Kentucky after education is completed. For prelicensure and BSN completion nursing programs, students must complete at least 15 credit hours each academic year of core nursing courses required (does not cover prerequisites) for the program of nursing (9 credit hours each academic year for a graduate nursing program), and maintain a minimum GPA to allow continuation in the program. The credit hours can be taken during the fall, spring and summer sessions.

**Award:** Varies

**Number:** Unlimited

**Obligation:** Recipients must work as a nurse in Kentucky 1 year for each school year funded. A recipient who does not complete the nursing program within the time frame specified by the program or does not complete the required employment must repay the scholarship plus interest.

**Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked between January 1 and June 1

## Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services



**Contact:** Unless otherwise noted, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Chafee Independence Program, 275 East Main Street, 3 E-D, Frankfort, KY 40621; 800.232.5437; [chafee.ilp@ky.gov](mailto:chafee.ilp@ky.gov)

### Grants

#### Chafee Independence Program, Education Training Voucher

**Eligibility:** Must be a student between the ages of 18 and 26 who left the Kentucky foster care system at or after age 18 or was adopted from the Kentucky foster care system at or after the age of 16, be in good standing in a postsecondary educational program or be making satisfactory progress toward completion of a job training program.

**Award:** Up to \$5,000 each year for up to 5 years; must provide proof of academic standing each semester

**Number:** Unlimited

**Contact:** Chafee Independence Program, 275 East Main Street, 3 E-D, Frankfort, KY 40621; 800.232.5437; [chafee.ilp@ky.gov](mailto:chafee.ilp@ky.gov)

### Job Services

#### Kentucky Works Program

**Eligibility:** Must be a recipient of the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) and be enrolled in an education or training program

**Award:** Subsidized child care not to exceed a maximum amount for the geographic area; transportation payments not to exceed \$200 each month; up to \$400 for nonrecurring supportive services such as school supplies, work-related needs or pre-component expenses; and up to \$1,500 in vehicle repair expenses each 12-month period

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) at 855.306.8959 or apply at the local DCBS office

### Loan Repayment Programs

#### National Health Service Corps Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program

**Eligibility:** Must be a primary care health professional in an eligible discipline; be licensed or certified in Kentucky to practice in

that discipline; be employed or have accepted an offer of employment at an eligible site; practice full time in an eligible underserved area of Kentucky for at least 2 years; have no prior unfulfilled practice obligations; be a U.S. citizen or national; and be employed by an eligible health care organization that does not discriminate in providing health care services to Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

**Award:** Dependent upon profession; \$10,000 to \$40,000 per year for 2 years; renewable

**Obligation:** 2-year commitment to practice full time for an eligible organization in a federally designated health professional shortage area; 50/50 sponsor match

**Deadline:** Application cycle open for 30 days, generally opening each year in early September

**Contact:** Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program, Kentucky Office of Rural Health, Michael McGill, 750 Morton Boulevard, Hazard, KY 41701; 606.439.3557; <http://ruralhealth.med.uky.edu/kentucky-state-loan-repayment-program>; [kslrp@uky.edu](mailto:kslrp@uky.edu)

### Scholarships/Loans

#### Public Child Welfare Certification Program (PCWCP) Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be a full-time bachelor of social work major; have a 2.5 overall GPA and a 3.0 GPA in all social work courses; have at least a "B" average, "Pass" or "Satisfactory" in the required courses and field practicums; have 3 or 4 semesters before graduation; have taken a social work practice course before the second of 2 PCWCP courses; have and maintain a valid driver's license; and attend Brescia University, Campbellsville University, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Spalding University, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville or Western Kentucky University. Application process includes written essay, recommendations, background checks and interviews, with final approval for acceptance given by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

**Award:** Students at a public university receive full-time in-state tuition. Students at a private university receive up to the highest in-state tuition charged at a public Kentucky university. A \$1,300 stipend will be awarded for each spring and fall semester and \$650 for summer for up to 4 semesters

**Obligation:** Be employed with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services in the social service worker series and remain employed

there for 2 years. If the obligation is not met or student does not successfully complete the program, this may result in the forfeiture of all funds received and the reimbursement to the cabinet for its costs.

**Number:** Varies

**Deadline:** See university site coordinator for deadline dates

**Contact:** Colleges of social work at eligible schools or [www.pcwcp.eku.edu](http://www.pcwcp.eku.edu)

### Training

#### SNAP Employment and Training Program

**Eligibility:** Must be a SNAP recipient; volunteer for the SNAP E&T program; be age 16–60; and reside in Kentucky.

**Award:** Reimbursements for anticipated expenses up to \$25 each month for transportation expenses incurred in order to participate; other possible supportive services payments or supplies provided by the contracted partner agencies.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Department for Community Based Services, 855.306.8959

### Waiver

#### Adopted and Foster Children (KRS 164.2847)

**Eligibility:** Must be a Kentucky student and meet one of the following:

- Be with a family who receives state-funded adoption assistance under KRS 199.555.
- Be an adopted child who was in the permanent legal custody of and placed for adoption by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- Be currently committed to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services under KRS 610.010(5) and placed in foster care by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Be in an independent living program funded by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Community Based Services.
- Be in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on his or her 18th birthday.
- Be committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and meet criteria outlined in KRS 164.2847 (2).

Student must enter college or vocational school no more than 4 years after graduating from high school. Waiver must be used for an undergraduate program at any Kentucky public college or university. Student must

meet entrance requirements and maintain academic eligibility while enrolled at the postsecondary institution. Available to part-time and full-time undergraduate students. Students who meet eligibility criteria and live outside Kentucky at the time of application to a Kentucky postsecondary institution may apply for the waiver up to the amount of tuition for in-state tuition. Waiver must be used for an undergraduate program at any Kentucky public college or university.

**Award:** Waives the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for 5 years

**Number:** Unlimited

**Deadline:** July 1 for fall semester; December 1 for spring semester

**Contact:** Financial aid office of Kentucky public higher education institutions or Chafee Independence Program, 275 East Main Street, 3 E-D, Frankfort, KY 40621; 800.232.5437; [chafee.ilp@ky.gov](mailto:chafee.ilp@ky.gov)

## Kentucky

### Council on Postsecondary Education

**Contact:** Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 320, Frankfort, KY 40601; 502.573.1555; [cpe@ky.gov](mailto:cpe@ky.gov); [www.cpe.ky.gov](http://www.cpe.ky.gov)

#### Tuition Waiver

##### Secondary Area Technology Center Employee Development (KRS 164.020)

**Eligibility:** Must be a regular full-time employee of a state or locally operated secondary area technology center.

**Award:** Up to 6 credit hours of tuition waiver at any public college or university for an academic term. Must have prior approval from the course-offering school.

**Number:** Varies

**Deadline:** Varies

## Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection

**Contact:** Department for Environmental Protection, Water Resources Research Institute, 233 Mining and Mineral Resources Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0107; 859-257-1299; <https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Pages/scholarship.aspx>

### Scholarships/Loans

#### Energy and Environment Cabinet Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be enrolled full time in a public Kentucky university as a junior, senior or graduate student; be pursuing a course of study of critical need to the sponsoring department; and agree to work 6 months full time after graduation for the Energy and Environment Cabinet for each semester funds were awarded.

**Award:** Varies; amounts awarded to defray the average costs of tuition, books, and room and board

**Number:** Varies

**Deadline:** February 15

## Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

**Contact:** Veterans Affairs Office of school or Tuition Waiver Coordinator, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, 1111 Louisville Road, Suite B, Frankfort, KY 40601; 502.564.9203; [kdva.tuitionwaiver@ky.gov](mailto:kdva.tuitionwaiver@ky.gov); [www.veterans.ky.gov](http://www.veterans.ky.gov). For the entire statutes, visit [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov)

### Tuition Waivers

#### Veterans' Dependents (KRS 164.505)

**Eligibility:** Must be the child, stepchild or nonremarried spouse of a service member who was a Kentucky resident when he or she entered military service and who was killed while in service or died of a service-connected disability. Student must provide

documentation of relationship to parent or spouse, as well as documentation showing the parent's or spouse's military service and cause of death. If the student also receives a scholarship payable to the school, the scholarship must be applied to incidental expenses and any balance returned to the student if the terms of the scholarship allow.  
**Award:** Tuition waiver at any state-supported university, college or vocational school  
**Number:** Unlimited

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#### **Veterans' Dependents (KRS 164.507)**

**Eligibility:** Must be the child or stepchild under the age of 26 or the nonremarried spouse of a deceased veteran who was a resident of Kentucky or married to a resident of Kentucky at the time of death and who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a national emergency, war declared by Congress or action of the United Nations or who was killed on active duty or died of a service-connected disability acquired while on active duty. Student must provide documentation of relationship to parent or spouse, as well as documentation showing the parent's or spouse's military service and cause of death. A stepchild must have been a member of the veteran's household when the veteran died. If the student also receives a scholarship payable to the school, the scholarship must be applied to incidental expenses and any balance returned to the student if the terms of the scholarship allow.  
**Award:** Tuition waiver at any state-supported university, college or vocational school for no more than 45 months  
**Number:** Unlimited

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#### **Veterans' Dependents (KRS 164.512)**

**Eligibility:** Must be the disabled child of a veteran who acquired a disability as a direct result of the veteran's service. The child claiming benefits must have acquired a disability determined by the U.S. Veterans Administration as compensable. Must document the parent-child relationship. The National Guard or Reserve veteran must have served on state active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training or the veteran must have served on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces, and the discharge must have been honorable. The veteran must be a resident or, if deceased, must have been a resident of Kentucky.  
**Award:** Tuition waiver at any state-supported university, college or vocational school  
**Number:** Unlimited

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#### **Veterans' Dependents (KRS 164.515)**

**Eligibility:** Must be the child or stepchild under the age of 26 or the spouse of a permanently and totally disabled member of the Kentucky National Guard or Reserve Component injured while on state active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training; or a permanently and totally disabled war veteran; or a 100% service-connected disabled veteran regardless of wartime service; or prisoner of war or member of the Armed Services declared missing in action.

A living veteran must be rated permanently and totally disabled for pension purposes or 100% disabled for compensation purposes by the U.S. Veterans Administration or the Department of Defense. If the veteran is deceased, the claim will be based on the rating held by the veteran at the time of death. If a prisoner of war or missing in action, the veteran must have been declared as such by the Department of Defense. Members of the Kentucky National Guard must be rated permanently and totally disabled as provided in KRS Chapter 342. Must document the parent's, stepparent's or spouse's service and rating.

**Award:** Tuition waiver at any state-supported university, college or vocational school for up to 45 months

**Number:** Unlimited

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## **Kentucky Education and Workforce**

### **Development Cabinet**

**Contact:** Individual listed under each program

#### **Tuition Discount**

##### **Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)**

**Eligibility:** Must be an adversely affected worker, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, who lost a job due to a reduction in workforce or total plant closure as a result of foreign trade.

**Award:** Varies based on tuition, books and other required costs. Benefits available for an allotted number of weeks (stipulated by program amendment year and federal law) of paid occupational training, job search assistance and assistance to relocate to a new job.  
**Number:** Unlimited

**Deadline:** None. When this book went to press, the program was funded through June 30, 2021.

**Contact:** Office of Career Development, 500 Mero Street, 4 SE, Frankfort, KY 40621; <https://kcc.ky.gov/training/Pages/Trade-Adjustment-Assistance.aspx>

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#### **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**

**Eligibility:** Anyone can get workforce services from a number of different programs through a Kentucky Career Center. The programs prepare eligible youth who face significant barriers to success to enter either postsecondary education, training or employment upon completion of their secondary education. In-school programs serve youth ages 14–21. Out-of-school programs serve youth ages 16–24.

**Contact:** Visit [kcc.ky.gov](http://kcc.ky.gov) for the nearest location. Visit [kcc.ky.gov/training/Pages/Youth.aspx](http://kcc.ky.gov/training/Pages/Youth.aspx) to learn more about the services provided to our in-school and out-of-school youth

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## **Kentucky National Guard**



**Contact:** <https://ky.ngb.army.mil/tuition-student/frmLogin.aspx> or Mrs. Jennifer Miller, 502.607.1916, [jennifer.g.miller19.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jennifer.g.miller19.civ@mail.mil)

#### **Kentucky National Guard Tuition Award Program**

**Eligibility:** Must be an active member of the Kentucky National Guard, maintain all minimum standards, be eligible for all positive personnel actions and complete basic training or equivalent.

**Award:** Up to or equal to the in-state, in-class tuition at any Kentucky public university, college or technical school. Approved private schools are limited to 12 hours per term and an annual cap. Based on availability of funds. May be used through first bachelor's degree or lifetime cap, whichever comes first.

**Number:** Varies

**Deadline:** April 1 fall and summer terms; October 1 spring and winter terms



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## Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation



**Contact:** Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 275 East Main Street, Mail Drop 2-EK, Frankfort, KY 40621; 800.372.7172; [pat.cruse@ky.gov](mailto:pat.cruse@ky.gov); <https://kcc.ky.gov/Vocational-Rehabilitation/Pages/default.aspx>

### Grants

#### Vocational Rehabilitation

**Eligibility:** Must have a physical or mental impairment that creates a substantial obstacle to employment; be able to benefit from vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, enter, engage in or keep gainful employment; meet order of selection criteria; demonstrate academic aptitude; and require training that aligns with employment goals.

**Award:** Partial payment of tuition and other disability related services; dependent on financial need and availability of funds

### Scholarships

#### Coca-Cola Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be legally blind; have at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA; and submit proof of legal blindness, school transcript, college acceptance letter, 2 letters of recommendation from non-family members, photocopy of state identification and a 500-word essay on a given topic. Application and all documents must be submitted in hard copy and mailed in 1 package.

**Award:** \$1,000 to \$4,000

**Deadline:** July 13

**Contact:** Heidi Kesterson, Charles W. McDowell Rehabilitation Center, Attention Scholarship Fund, 8412 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40242; 800.346.2115; [Heidi.Kesterson@ky.gov](mailto:Heidi.Kesterson@ky.gov)

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## Kentucky Revenue Cabinet



**Contact:** <http://revenue.ky.gov/>

### Other

Kentuckians can deduct a credit of 25 percent (up to \$500) of the federal American Opportunity Credit or Lifetime Learning credit for tuition or related education expenses for themselves or a spouse or dependent. The tuition or other expenses must be for undergraduate enrollment at an eligible Kentucky higher education institution that qualifies for participation in federal Title IV student financial aid programs.

For married individuals to claim the tax credit, they must file a joint return or file separately on a combined form.

Because the tax credit is nonrefundable, any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for up to 5 years.

See page 17 for information about the federal tax credits.

A recipient who does not work following completion of degree requirements must repay the gross amount of scholarship plus interest.

**Award:** Stipends of \$6,200 gross wages each semester for freshmen and sophomores or \$6,600 gross wages each semester for juniors and seniors while in college. Recipients may be offered summer employment

**Number:** Limited by state funds; average of 15 to 20 per year

**Deadline:** February 1

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#### Kentucky Transportation Civil Engineering Technology Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be a Kentucky high school graduate, have an interest in construction and be able to go to school full time for 2 years at a community college.

**Obligation:** Must work for the cabinet for each year of award received. A recipient who does not work following completion of degree requirements must repay the gross amount of scholarship plus interest.

**Award:** Stipends of \$3,000 gross wages per semester. Recipient may be offered summer employment.

**Number:** Limited by state funds; average of 5 to 10 per year

**Deadline:** February 1

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## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet



**Contact:** <https://transportation.ky.gov/Education/Pages/default.aspx>; or Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622; 502.564.3730

### Scholarships/Loans

#### Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Civil Engineering Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be a Kentucky resident or Kentucky high school graduate; have at least a 24 ACT score; and be enrolled or plan to enroll as a civil engineering student at the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville or Western Kentucky University or be a pre-engineering student at any Kentucky Community and Technical College System school or another Kentucky public university.

**Obligation:** Must work for 1 year for the cabinet for each year of award received.