

Other government assistance

These government programs may improve your college opportunities if you qualify.

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

Description: Helps parents pay for child care services from licensed, certified or registered child care providers.

Eligibility: Children must be U.S. citizens or qualified aliens and residents of Kentucky. They must be under the age of 13 at the time of application or under the age of 19 if they are mentally or physically incapable for caring for themselves. Parents must meet income requirements and one of the following criteria:

- Be employed an average of 20 hours per week (single parent) or a combined 40 hours per week (couple).
- Participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Employment and Training (SNAP E&T).
- If attending school part-time, work at least 20 hours per week (practicum, internship, clinical can count as work requirement) or participate in an initial job search activity.
- Be verified full-time students enrolled in a certified trade school or an accredited college or university. They must be in good standing with the school and meet current income guidelines for the CCAP program.
- If unemployed, must participate in an initial job search activity or job training program that meets the work requirement.
- Have a child protective or preventative services authorization.
- Be part of a family that is receiving Kinship Care or Fictive Kin Care.
- Participate in the Kentucky Works Program.
- Be a teenager attending high school or pursuing a GED.

Deadline: None

Contact: Department for Community Based Services in your county or online application at Benefind website <https://benefind.ky.gov/>.

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)

Description: Pays or reimburses the costs of the following education exams for members of the Armed Forces (one time only for most tests): ACT, SAT, CLEP, DSSTs, PRAXIS, GRE, GED and GMAT. More can be found at www.dantes.doded.mil/. Testing is conducted at national testing centers (most colleges and military bases) and DANTES test sites (active duty bases, including Fort Knox and Fort Campbell).

Eligibility: Must be a member of the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves. Additionally, CLEP and DSST are available to spouses of U.S. Coast Guard and USCG Reserve members.

Deadline: Must submit request for reimbursement within 90 days of test.

Contact: Unit education officer; [DANTES online](#); or for Kentucky National Guard members, write the Education Services Officer, Building 124, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601, or call 502.607.1307.

Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

Description: Gives food donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to needy families, including low-income and unemployed persons.

Eligibility: Based on monthly income.

Deadline: None

Contact: The Kentucky Department of Agriculture contracts with food banks to administer EFAP. Contact the food bank in your area for more information.

Food Banks

Elizabethtown.....	270.769.6997
Florence	859.282.2709
Lexington	859.255.6592
Louisville.....	502.966.3821
Mayfield	270.251.6141
Evansville, IN.....	812.425.0775
Huntington, WV	304.523.6029

Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network

Description: Makes assistive technology (AT) information, devices and services obtainable. Provides demonstrations and short-term loans of AT devices, trainings, public awareness and information and referral services.

Eligibility: People of any age and/or disability

Deadline: None

Contact: Write to KATS Network Coordinating Center, Charles W. McDowell Center, 8412 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40242; call 800.327.5287; or visit www.katsnet.org.

Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP)

Description: Provides free or low-cost health insurance for children age 18 or younger who have no health insurance.

Eligibility: Must be a child whose family income is no more than 213 percent of the federal poverty level. A family is considered to be a child or children and the natural or adoptive parents residing together in a household. Must provide proof of identity and proof of citizenship or legal immigration status.

Deadline: None

Contact: Department for Community Based Services local office. For more information, call toll free 877.KCHIP-18.

Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Description: Provides specialized telecommunication equipment (TDDs, amplified phones, captioned telephones, etc.) to eligible deaf and hard of hearing Kentuckians through the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP). Produces publications on topics relating to deafness and/or hearing loss and provides referral and advocacy services and a print/multimedia library for deaf Kentuckians.

Eligibility: To be eligible for TAP equipment, individuals must be deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired or deaf-blind, and thus unable to use a telephone without adaptive equipment (verification from a state licensed physician required). Must be a legal resident of Kentucky for at least one year (ID required), be over the age of 5 (13 and older for wireless devices), provide the signature of a parent/guardian to assume responsibility for the equipment (for applicants under the age of 18), and provide phone or internet bill as requested.

Deadline: None. Equipment is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and first-time applicants have priority over previous recipients.

Contact: Write to Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 632 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601; call 800.372.2907, 502.573.2604 (voice, TTY), 502.416.0607 (videophone), fax 502.573.3594; visit www.kcdhh.ky.gov; or email kcdhh@kcdhh.ky.gov.

Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP)

Description: Provides financial assistance to Kentucky families with a dependent child.

Eligibility: Must meet the following requirements:

- Children ages 16, 17 and 18 must be in school or have graduated with a high school diploma or equivalent.
- One or both parents must be absent from the home, be unemployed, be unable to work due to sickness or disability, or be deceased.
- The income and resources of the family must meet KTAP guidelines.
- An unmarried parent under age 18 must live with his or her parent, in a supervised setting, or may live in an unsupervised setting if certain requirements are met. If living with a parent, parental income may be considered.

Deadline: None

Contact: Department for Community Based Services local office or call 855.306.8959.

Kentucky Works

Description: Provides training and job-seeking assistance to KTAP recipients enrolled in an education or training program. Provides child care not to exceed a maximum amount for the geographic area, transportation payments not to exceed \$200 each month, nonrecurring supportive services for school supplies and work-related needs, pre-component expenses not to exceed \$400, and up to \$1,500 in vehicle repair expenses each 12-month period. Depending on the school/location, possible work study opportunities are available.

Eligibility: Must be receiving KTAP benefits and cooperating with Kentucky Works participation requirements.

Deadline: None

Contact: Department for Community Based Services local office or KTAP caseworker at 855.306.8959

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Description: Assists low-income households with their home heating costs.

Eligibility: Applicants for the general subsidy must:

- Have a gross monthly income at or below \$1,316 (for household size of 1; add \$468 for each additional family member).
- Not have liquid assets in excess of \$2,000; or \$3,000 if at least one person in the household is disabled or age 60 or older; or \$4,000 if a household member has an illness which requires those assets to be used regularly for medical and living expenses.
- Provide most current heating bill to prove that applicant is responsible for home heating costs (or landlord's statement that heat is included in the rent); electric bill; utility company statement, if family participates in a pre-pay electric program; Social Security number or Green Card for each household member; and proof of all household members' income for previous month.

Applicants for crisis assistance must meet the above eligibility requirements and:

- Be facing imminent loss of heating energy.
- Provide a utility disconnect or past due notice; be within four days of running out of fuel if wood, coal, propane, fuel oil or kerosene is the heat source; or provide their lease and an eviction notice if energy costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent. Participants in a pre-pay electric program must provide utility company statement that they are within 10 days of running out of pre-paid electric services.

Deadline: General subsidy applications are taken from November 5–December 14; crisis applications are taken from January 7–March 29 or until available funds have been expended.

Contact: Local community action agency or Community Action Kentucky at <https://capky.org/>, or call toll free 800.456.3452 (TTY available for the hearing impaired).

Medicaid

Description: Helps pay medical expenses.

Eligibility: Pregnant women, children under the age of 19, parents or caretaker relatives, adults between the ages of 19 and 64 and former foster care children ages 18 to 26 who are

not receiving Medicaid in another category. Individual must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien and a Kentucky resident. Children may qualify even if the person with whom they live does not. The countable income of the family members who receive Medicaid must be within certain limits based on family size, age of any children, income, and whether a family member is pregnant. Children who fall into the KCHIP income limits are not eligible if they have comprehensive health insurance. Resources (real property and liquid assets) are only considered in determining eligibility for certain long-term care benefits and may be subject to estate recovery.

Deadline: None

Information: Apply at <https://benefind.ky.gov/>, phone 1.855.306.8959, or visit your local Department for Community Based Services office.

National Guard Bureau (Department of Veterans Affairs [DVA])

Description: Reimburses costs of certain education, license and certification exams to members and veterans of the Armed Forces through their GI Bill and to their dependents/survivors, if awarded a GI Bill benefit. List of exams, reimbursement forms and other details found at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/national_testing.asp; www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/licensing_certification.asp; and www.cool.army.mil/search/CredSearchAlpha.htm. For certification/license exams — tests not listed will be considered on a case by case basis; reimbursement is capped at \$2,000 per test; and miscellaneous fees are not reimbursed.

Eligibility: Must be a member or veteran of the Armed Forces or National Guard with GI Bill eligibility, a dependent who was transferred Post 9-11 GI Bill (beginning in 2009), or a surviving family member of a deceased soldier awarded a GI Bill benefit. Submit GI Bill application at www.vets.gov.

Deadline: Must request reimbursement from DVA within 1 year of exam.

Contact: Active duty: unit education officer. Veteran: DVA at 888.442.4551. Kentucky National Guard member: write to Education Services Officer, Building 124, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601, or call 502.607.1307.

Ready to Work (RTW)

Description: Provides outreach and support, including campus-based success coaching and work-study resources, for eligible students receiving KTAP. Campus-based RTW coordinators can provide:

- Coaching, advocacy and mentoring.
- Referrals to community resources and supportive services.
- Job references and referrals.
- Job readiness, life skills, financial literacy and academic success seminars.
- Work-study opportunities on and off campus.

Eligibility: Must be receiving KTAP benefits and be enrolled at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution or in a Kentucky Adult Education/SkillsU program. Former KCTCS students may be eligible for participation in an Employability Skills Training component.

Deadline: None

Contact: The RTW coordinator at the KCTCS school you plan to attend or visit <https://kctcs.edu/education-training/initiatives/ready-to-work/>.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Description: Increases the household's food-buying power when added to the household's other food money.

Eligibility: Must be a U.S. citizen or a legal foreign resident, register for work and meet resource and income limits. Students may have to meet other criteria.

Deadline: None

Contact: Begin an application online at <https://benefind.ky.gov/>. Once the application is received, the applicant will be mailed instructions on how to set up an interview. Call 1.855.306.8959 to apply by phone.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training

Description: Helps SNAP recipients find employment and/or training. Participants may be eligible for up to \$25 each month for anticipated expenses incurred, including transportation.

Eligibility: Must be a SNAP recipient.

Deadline: None

Contact: Department for Community Based Services, 1.855.306.8959

Veterans Upward Bound Projects

Description: Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, this program provides free support services to U.S. military veterans making the transition to postsecondary education. Services may include attainment of high school diploma, academic refresher classes in core subjects, career advising, degree program planning, help with admissions and financial aid applications, cultural field trips, study skills workshops, tutoring and more. As well as referral to community and veteran service organizations.

Eligibility: Must have at least 180 days of active duty service and have better than a dishonorable discharge (if less than 180 days, must have been discharged due to a service-connected disability or have served on active duty in the Reserves). Must be either low income, first-generation college attendee and/or at risk for academic failure.

Deadline: None

Contact: Veterans Upward Bound, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Boulevard 11098, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1098; call 270.745.5310; email veterans.upward.bound@wku.edu; stop by Room 127, Jones Jagers Hall; or visit www.wku.edu/vub. **Must live in Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Simpson or Warren County.**

Greater Cincinnati Veterans Upward Bound, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, 3520 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45223-2690; call 513.569.4992; or email veteransupwardbound@cincinnatiastate.edu. **Must live in Boone, Campbell or Kenton County.**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Description: Assists job seekers and workers in accessing employment, education, training and support services to succeed in the labor market and matches employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

Eligibility: Anyone can get services through a Kentucky Career Center (KCC). There are ten Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA) in Kentucky. Each LWDA has at least one full-service KCC in its area. Youths aged 14 to 24 can receive education and employment services as they prepare for the workforce. In-school youth must be age 14-21, attend compulsory school, be low income and have

at least one barrier to employment. Out-of-school youth must be age 16-24, not attend any school and have at least one barrier to employment.

Deadline: None

Contact: Visit <http://kcc.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>, click on “Office Locations” and search by county to find the KCC office nearest you. Visit <http://kcc.ky.gov/training/Pages/Youth.aspx> to find the WIOA Youth Career Planner for your county.