

Other FAQs

Does my scholarship expire?

Yes, KEES eligibility ends when you meet the first of three conditions.

- Receipt of funds for four years
- Receipt of a bachelor's degree
- Five years have passed since high school graduation

Do I have to apply for KEES?

No. All you have to do is study hard and make good grades! Your high school will send your yearly GPA to KHEAA at the end of the school year. You can also check your KEES account online at www.kheaa.com.

Can KEES help pay for registered apprenticeship or workforce training?

Yes. Kentucky high school graduates who are in a registered apprenticeship or qualifying workforce training program can use their KEES to receive reimbursement for their training-related expenses. The amount available for reimbursement each year cannot exceed the total KEES earned.



How do I check my KEES account?

You can access your KEES award information through www.kheaa.com. Select 'Sign In' and enter your user ID and password or click on 'Register' to create your MyKHEAA account. That's it!

How can I fix a KEES award mistake?

If you find incorrect data while checking your KEES account, see your high school counselor. The counselor will report the corrected information to your district KEES coordinator, who will make the necessary changes.

Can I use KEES out-of-state?

If a major isn't offered in Kentucky, you may be able to use your KEES award at an out-of-state school that participates in the Academic Common Market (ACM). For more information about the ACM, visit the Council on Postsecondary Education's website, www.cpe.ky.gov. (Illinois, Indiana and Ohio schools are not eligible because those states do not participate in the ACM.)

What if I graduate high school early?

If you graduate after three full years in a certified Kentucky high school, you will earn a KEES Early Graduate award to make up for the missing fourth year. The award amount is averaged from your previous three years of KEES earnings and will be added to your total scholarship.

What if I attend a dual credit residential high school?

You can earn KEES if you attend or graduate from the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science at Western Kentucky University or the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University. Plus your KEES GPA may be higher because of the extra weight allowed for dual credit coursework.

How to Learn More

Besides KEES, KHEAA also administers need-based grants, scholarships and savings programs.

To find out more about KEES and other KHEAA programs, contact KHEAA at www.kheaa.com or:

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KEES

Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship



It pays to get good grades

2.75

That's the minimum yearly grade point average (GPA) you have to achieve to earn a Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Aim high, because making good grades means more money for college.

Here's how it works: Every year you attend a certified Kentucky high school and earn at least a 2.75 GPA, you earn a KEES award ranging from \$187 (for a 2.75 GPA) to \$500 (for a 4.0 GPA). If you get a 4.0 GPA all four years of high school, you'll have banked \$2,000 for college in Kentucky!

That's not all! You can also earn a bonus for scoring at least 15 on the ACT (or 830 on the SAT's evidence-based reading/writing and math test). Check the chart at the right to see how much your highest score is worth. When combined with your GPA awards, that means you can earn up to \$2,500 for each year of college!

KEES Award Amounts				
GPA	Award Amount	ACT Score	SAT Range	Bonus Amount
4.0	\$500	28+	1300-1600	\$500
3.9	\$475	27	1260-1290	\$464
3.8	\$450	26	1230-1250	\$428
3.75	\$437	25	1200-1220	\$393
3.7	\$425	24	1160-1190	\$357
3.6	\$400	23	1130-1150	\$321
3.5	\$375	22	1100-1120	\$286
3.4	\$350	21	1060-1090	\$250
3.3	\$325	20	1030-1050	\$214
3.25	\$312	19	990-1020	\$179
3.2	\$300	18	960-980	\$143
3.1	\$275	17	920-950	\$107
3.0	\$250	16	880-910	\$71
2.9	\$225	15	830-870	\$36
2.8	\$200			
2.75	\$187			

What you need to know

- Dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) courses are weighted on a five-point scale for KEES purposes**, meaning an A is worth more in those courses.
- Taking both the ACT and the SAT?** The highest ACT composite or SAT evidence-based reading/writing and math score you achieve by high school graduation will determine your bonus award.
- You can use your KEES at any participating college in Kentucky.** After high school graduation, your total KEES earnings will be available for use. Your Kentucky college will request your funds by reporting your enrollment to KHEAA after classes begin each fall and spring term. A list of participating colleges is available at www.kheaa.com.
- You have to keep making good grades in college.** To keep your full award each year of college, you must earn at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA your first year of college and then have an overall 3.0 cumulative GPA each year after that. "Cumulative" means all the college classes you've taken, not just those in the last semester. That's why it's important to do your best every semester. If your cumulative GPA drops below a 3.0 anytime after your second year of college, your KEES renewal amount will be based on your progress toward meeting your college's graduation requirements as well as your grades.

Supplemental awards available to some AP, IB and CAI students

Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch during any year of high school can earn KEES supplemental awards by making qualifying scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) exams. The chart below shows the amounts awarded for each score. There is no limit to the number of supplemental awards an eligible student can earn.

AP Exam Score	IB Exam Score	CAI Exam Score	Amount
3	5	e	\$200
4	6	c, d	\$250
5	7	a*, a, b	\$300

Do the math

Enter your yearly GPAs and award amounts on the lines below, along with your highest ACT/SAT score and AP, IB or CAI awards, to predict what you will earn for each year of college.

	Amount
Freshman GPA _____	\$ _____
Sophomore GPA _____	+ \$ _____
Junior GPA _____	+ \$ _____
Senior GPA _____	+ \$ _____
Highest ACT/SAT Score _____	+ \$ _____
AP, IB or CAI Awards* _____	+ \$ _____
Total Estimated Award	= \$ _____

* If free or reduced lunch eligible.



You can check your KEES award anytime by signing into your MyKHEAA at KHEAA.com