

KEES

Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship

2.75

The minimum yearly grade point average (GPA) you have to achieve to earn a Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) is 2.75. Aim high, because making better grades means more money for college.

Here's how it works: Every year you attend a KEES-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!

KEES Award Amounts

GPA	Award Amount	ACT Score	SAT Range	Bonus Amount
4.0	\$500	28 or above	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	<i>Amounts may change based on funding.</i>		
2.75	\$187			

KEES awards are funded by Kentucky Lottery revenue.

KHEAA uses the ACT composite scores from national exams and the SAT Math + Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (ERW) scores for KEES purposes.

Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, the minimum GPA to earn a KEES award is 2.75.

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 left 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!



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Supplemental awards available to some AP, IB and CAI students

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

Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches 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.



Do the math

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

Freshman GPA _____

Sophomore GPA _____

Junior GPA _____

Senior GPA _____

Highest ACT Score _____

AP, IB or CAI Awards _____

Amount
\$ _____
+ \$ _____
+ \$ _____
+ \$ _____
+ \$ _____
+ \$ _____

Total Estimated Award = \$ _____



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