Financial Aid Tip of the Month, July 2019

Students can earn money, get experience with work-study

One way students can help pay the cost of education after high school is through a work-study program, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Plus, work-study can provide valuable experience that looks good on a résumé.

Federal Work-Study allows students to earn money to help pay the costs of post-high school education. Rules may vary some by school, but a student must generally:

- Be enrolled in an eligible program.
- Be working toward a certificate or degree.
- Have financial need.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.

Students must be paid at least the federal minimum wage. Jobs may be on or off campus. Students who submitted the FAFSA will be considered for Federal Work-Study unless they asked not to be.

Many colleges have their own work-study programs. Students interested in a school’s program should check with the college’s financial aid office.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky’s student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or to refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

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