

# KHEAA-Administered Programs

## Early Childhood Development Scholarship

The scholarship provides financial aid to Kentucky students who are pursuing credentials in the field of early childhood education.

- Student must:
  - Be a Kentucky resident.
  - Be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident.
  - Be enrolled in a qualifying program of study at a participating institution pursuing one of the approved credentials.
  - Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
  - Be employed at least 20 hours weekly in a participating early childhood facility or be employed as a preschool associate teacher in a state-funded pre-school program.
  - Not be eligible for state or federal training funds through Head Start, a public preschool program, or First Steps.
  - Have no unpaid financial obligation to KHEAA or to any other Title IV program.
  - Agree to a service commitment based on the credential pursued.
- Approved Credentials:
  - Child Development Associate Credential.
  - Associate's degree in early childhood education.
  - Bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary early childhood education or a related program approved by the Early Childhood Development Authority.
  - Master's degree in interdisciplinary early childhood education.
  - Kentucky Early Childhood Development Director's Certificate.
- Award:
  - Up to full tuition and fees at a participating institution, not to exceed \$6,430 per semester for the 2022-2023 year.

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# Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program

The Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship (WRKS) helps Kentuckians who have not yet earned an associate's degree afford an industry-recognized certificate or diploma. The WRKS program is available to college students and certain high school students who are enrolled in college coursework. Scroll down to see the high school student requirements

- A college student must:
  - Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
  - Be a Kentucky resident
  - Be a high school graduate or be enrolled in or have completed a General Educational Development (GED) Program
  - Have not earned an associate's or higher degree
  - Be enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, at an eligible postsecondary institution in an [approved program of study](#) that leads to an industry recognized certificate or diploma or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in a high-demand workforce sector.
    - Qualifying areas for the 2022-2023 year are health care, advanced manufacturing, transportation/logistics, business services/IT, and construction
  - Not be enrolled in an ineligible degree program, such as a bachelor or other associate program, at the same or any other institution
  - Maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the eligible postsecondary institution
  - Not be in default on any Title IV program or KHEAA administered program
- College student application:
  - [FAFSA](#)
  - The 2022-2023 WRKS application.
  - Subject to the availability of funds, award determinations are made on a first-come, first-serve basis by WRKS application date.
- College student award:
  - Amount equals the amount remaining after subtracting federal and state grants and scholarships from the tuition and fees assessed by the student's eligible institution
  - Maximum award amount shall not exceed the in-state tuition and fees rate for enrollment at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System
  - The amount awarded for fees shall not exceed \$400 per year
  - The [WRKS Award Estimator](#) calculates how much Work Ready KY Scholarship you could qualify for based on your tuition and aid amounts.
- Eligibility limit:
  - Expires when the first of the following conditions is met:
    - Receipt of the scholarship for 60 credit hours of enrollment; or
    - Receipt of a first associate's degree
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