

1 AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships and declaring an
2 emergency.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 164.7884 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Academic year" means July 1 through June 30 of each year;

7 (b) "Apprentice" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010;

8 (c) "Eligible student" means an eligible high school student who has graduated
9 from high school or a student eligible under KRS 164.7879(3)(e);

10 (d) **"Qualified workforce training program" means a program that is in one (1)**
11 **of Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand work sectors as determined by the**
12 **Kentucky Workforce Investment Board;**

13 (e) "Registered apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship program that:

- 14 1. Is established in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 343;
- 15 2. Requires a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours of on-the-job work
16 experience;
- 17 3. Requires a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) hours of related
18 instruction for each year of the apprenticeship; and
- 19 4. Is approved by the Kentucky Labor Cabinet;

20 ~~(f)(e)~~ "Related instruction" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010; and

21 ~~(g)(f)~~ "Sponsor" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010.

22 (2) Notwithstanding KRS 164.7881, an eligible student who earned a KEES award ~~and~~
23 ~~is an apprentice in a registered apprenticeship program~~ shall be eligible for a
24 Kentucky educational excellence scholarship **if the student meets the requirements**
25 **of this section and is:**

26 (a) **An apprentice in a registered apprenticeship program; or**

27 (b) **Enrolled in a qualified workforce training program that has a current**

1 articulation agreement for postsecondary credit hours with a participating
 2 institution.

3 (3) (a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, an eligible student enrolled in a
 4 registered apprenticeship program or, beginning with the 2019-2020
 5 academic year, an eligible student enrolled in a qualified workforce training
 6 program may receive reimbursement of tuition, books, required tools, and
 7 other approved expenses required for participation in the ~~registered~~
 8 ~~apprenticeship~~ program, upon certification by the sponsor and approval by
 9 the authority.

10 (b) The reimbursement amount an eligible student may receive in an academic
 11 year shall not exceed the student's KEES award maximum.

12 (c) The total reimbursement amount an eligible student may receive under this
 13 section shall not exceed:

14 1. For a registered apprenticeship program, the student's KEES award
 15 maximum multiplied by four (4); or

16 2. For a qualified workforce training program, the lesser of the student's
 17 KEES award maximum multiplied by four (4) or the cost of tuition
 18 and fees for all articulated credit hours included in the program.

19 (4) Eligibility for a KEES scholarship under this section shall terminate upon the earlier
 20 of:

21 (a) The expiration of five (5) years following the eligible student's graduation
 22 from high school or receiving a High School Equivalency Diploma~~[GED]~~,
 23 except as provided in KRS 164.7881(5); or

24 (b) The eligible student's successful completion of the registered apprenticeship
 25 program or qualified workforce training program.

26 (5) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the
 27 procedures for making awards under this section in consultation with the Kentucky

1 Labor Cabinet, the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, and
2 the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet.

3 ➔Section 2. Whereas the scholarship provisions effectuated by this Act will be
4 implemented for the 2019-2020 academic year, an emergency is declared to exist, and this
5 Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise
6 becoming a law.