

1 AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

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

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

4 (1) As used in this section:

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

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

7 (c) **"Approved workforce solutions training program" means a local high-**  
8 **demand work sector training program that is approved by the authority and**  
9 **is offered by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System**  
10 **through consultation with representatives of the local workforce**  
11 **development area and the local Kentucky Community and Technical**  
12 **College System campus where the program will be offered;**

13 (d) "Eligible student" means an eligible high school student who has graduated  
14 from high school or a student eligible under KRS 164.7879(3)(e);

15 (e)~~(d)~~ "Qualified workforce training program" means a program that is in one  
16 (1) of Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand work sectors as determined by the  
17 Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board;

18 (f)~~(e)~~ "Registered apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship program  
19 that:

- 20 1. Is established in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 343;
- 21 2. Requires a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours of on-the-job work  
22 experience;
- 23 3. Requires a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) hours of related  
24 instruction for each year of the apprenticeship; and
- 25 4. Is approved by the Education and Labor Cabinet;

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

27 (h)~~(g)~~ "Sponsor" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010.

- 1 (2) Notwithstanding KRS 164.7881, an eligible student who earned a KEES award  
2 shall be eligible for a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship if the student  
3 meets the requirements of this section and is:
- 4 (a) An apprentice in a registered apprenticeship program;~~[-or]~~  
5 (b) Enrolled in a qualified workforce training program that has a current  
6 articulation agreement for postsecondary credit hours with a participating  
7 institution; or  
8 **(c) Enrolled in an approved workforce solutions training program.**
- 9 (3) (a) ~~[Beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, ]~~An eligible student enrolled  
10 in a registered apprenticeship program,~~[-or, for the academic year beginning~~  
11 ~~July 1, 2020, an eligible student enrolled in]~~ a qualified workforce training  
12 program, **or, for the academic year beginning July 1, 2023, an approved**  
13 **workforce solutions training program,** may receive reimbursement of tuition,  
14 books, required tools, and other approved expenses required for participation  
15 in the program, upon certification by the sponsor and approval by the  
16 authority.
- 17 (b) The reimbursement amount an eligible student may receive in an academic  
18 year shall not exceed the student's KEES award maximum.
- 19 (c) The total reimbursement amount an eligible student may receive under this  
20 section shall not exceed the student's KEES award maximum multiplied by  
21 four (4).
- 22 (4) Eligibility for a KEES scholarship under this section shall terminate upon the earlier  
23 of:
- 24 (a) The expiration of five (5) years following the eligible student's graduation  
25 from high school or receiving a High School Equivalency Diploma, except as  
26 provided in KRS 164.7881(5); or  
27 (b) The eligible student's successful completion of the registered apprenticeship

- 1                    program or qualified workforce training program.
- 2    (5) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the
- 3                    procedures for making awards under this section in consultation with the Kentucky
- 4                    Education and Labor Cabinet and the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet.