

Work Ready KY Scholarship FAQs

Eligibility Questions

Application:

1. Do I have to apply for WRKS at the KHEAA website every year? **Yes, you must complete the scholarship every year. It generally opens for the upcoming year in May.**

Residency:

1. How do you define KY resident? /How do you decide if I am a KY resident? /Who decides if I am a KY resident? /How long must I be a resident? **State Residency is determined by the admissions office at the school you are attending. Students should consult with the admissions office at their school.**
2. What if I am in the military and I am stationed in KY? Am I considered a resident? **State Residency is determined by the admissions office at the school you are attending. Students should consult with the admissions office at their school.**

Associate Degree or Higher/Previous College Credits:

1. I attended college previously and have a lot of credits, but never graduated. Am I eligible? **Yes, as long as the student does not have an associate degree then they would be eligible.**
2. Do my old college credits count toward the 60-credit limit on the scholarship? **Not unless they were receiving WRKS at the other school. The 60 hour limit is while receiving the scholarship.**
3. I am currently in a program that is ineligible. Can I switch to an eligible program and get the scholarship? **Yes, as long as they are not enrolled in any ineligible program at KCTCS or another school and meet all other eligibility requirements.**
4. I received a degree from a school that was closed by the feds, am I eligible for WRKS. **No, the degree is still a valid degree.**
5. I received a degree from an unaccredited school, am I eligible for WRKS. **No, a student who earns ANY degree is not eligible.**

Satisfactory Academic Progress:

1. What does SAP mean? /What are the criteria for SAP? **Satisfactory Academic Progress is academic standards a student must maintain for TIV and other types of state aid. SAP is measured based on three standards: 1. Qualitative – Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. 2. Quantitative – successfully complete 67% of all credit hours attempted. 3. Maximum Time Frame – complete no more than 150% of the hours required for their degree (transfer included). NOTE: For WRKS, students must maintain SAP after their first term of receiving WRKS.**
2. Can I attend part-time and still be eligible for the program? **Yes, there is no minimum enrollment requirement.**
3. I had to withdraw from classes/got bad grades last time I attended college and have a “bad” academic record. Will this keep me from getting the scholarship? **If students have a bad SAP status from prior coursework and have never received a WRKS disbursement, they can receive WRKS for one semester but then must maintain SAP after that term. Students who have bad SAP statuses should consult with the FA office regarding appeal options.**
4. Do I have to finish my cert./diploma/degree within a certain time? **There is no time limit on degree completion. However, WRKS eligibility is limited to receipt of the scholarship for 60 credit hours, or receipt of a associate degree, whichever comes first.**

Financial Aid/Student Loans:

1. I meet the eligibility requirements, but I have outstanding (still in good standing) student loans. Am I still eligible? **Students must not be in default on any Federal or KHEAA administered program (loans).**
2. I filled out the FAFSA and I am not eligible for financial aid. Am I eligible for this scholarship? **Yes, students must complete the FAFSA since this is a “last dollar in” scholarship. WRKS pays for any tuition and eligible fees after Pell, CAP, KEES, waivers or other scholarships specifically for tuition are applied.**

Awards:

1. How many scholarships are given each year? **Awards are made on a first come, first served basis until funding is exhausted.**
2. How much money can I receive/is there a lifetime cap? **There is no lifetime limits. However, WRKS eligibility is limited to receipt of the scholarship for 60 credit hours, or receipt of a associate degree, whichever comes first.**
3. Does this cover my books/fees/housing? Is it only for tuition? **WRKS pays for any tuition and eligible fees after Pell, CAP, KEES, waivers or other scholarships specifically for tuition are applied. Fees does NOT include books, tools, housing, or other instructional materials. NOTE: Fees is limited to \$400 a year.**
4. If I get this scholarship, how/will it affect my other aid (grants, etc.)? **Since WRKS is a “last dollar in” scholarship it does not affect other aid such as Grants. WRKS pays for any tuition and eligible fees after Pell, CAP, KEES, waivers or other scholarships specifically for tuition are applied.**

Limits:

1. Can I get more than one certification? **Yes, if you have not met the limits on hours, or received an associate degree. WRKS eligibility is limited to receipt of the scholarship for 60 credit hours, or receipt of a associate degree, whichever comes first.**

Other:

1. Are homeschooled students eligible? **Yes, if they graduated from a homeschooled program.**
2. Are students enrolled in the GED program eligible? **Yes, students who are enrolled in a high school equivalency diploma program are eligible. Students enrolled in the GED program must still complete a FAFSA even though they are not eligible for federal aid.**
3. KHEAA shows I have an award but I am not awarded at the school. KHEAA may award a student WRKS but they may not meet some of the eligibility criteria at the school (not enrolled in eligible program, SAP, etc.). Students should contact the financial aid office at their school for additional information.
4. Can I receive WRKS if I am part-time? **Yes, there is no minimum enrollment requirement.**
5. If a student’s parents refuse to provide parental information for the FAFSA, the school can document and use PJ to award only an unsubsidized loan. The ISIR for the student still stays rejected. Is the student eligible for WRKS. **No, according to KHEAA the student would not be eligible as they would not have a valid ISIR to determine state aid eligibility.**

Timeline:

1. Student applies by completing current year FAFSA and WRKS application at KHEAA. The WRKS application is usually available for May 1 for the upcoming academic year.
2. KHEAA does not begin making estimated awards for WRKS until July. Once KHEAA makes estimated awards they will send a list to the schools. Schools will then begin making estimated awards.
3. After the term begins, the schools will send final enrollment verification to KHEAA and KHEAA calculates an award based on actual hours, tuition, and fees charges.
4. KHEAA sends the actual award amounts to the schools where a final calculation is made at the school. Once the award amount has been verified for accuracy it can then disburse to the student account.