

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 164.7879 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Kentucky educational excellence scholarship awards shall be based upon an  
5 established base scholarship amount and an eligible high school student's grade  
6 point average. The base scholarship amount for students attaining a grade point  
7 average of at least 2.5 for the 1998-1999 academic year shall be as follows:

8	GPA	Amount	GPA	Amount
9	2.50	\$125.00	3.30	\$325.00
10	2.60	\$150.00	3.40	\$350.00
11	2.70	\$175.00	3.50	\$375.00
12	2.75	\$187.00	3.60	\$400.00
13	2.80	\$200.00	3.70	\$425.00
14	2.90	\$225.00	3.75	\$437.00
15	3.00	\$250.00	3.80	\$450.00
16	3.10	\$275.00	3.90	\$475.00
17	3.20	\$300.00	4.00	\$500.00
18	3.25	\$312.00		

19 The authority shall review the base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence  
20 scholarship each academic year and may promulgate an administrative regulation to  
21 make adjustments after considering the availability of funds.

22 (2) (a) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student the  
23 base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship for each  
24 academic year of high school study in the Kentucky educational excellence  
25 scholarship curriculum that the high school student has attained at least a 2.5  
26 grade point average. The award shall be based upon the eligible high school  
27 student's grade point average at the close of each academic year. An award

1           attributable to a past academic year shall not be increased after the award has  
2           been earned by an eligible high school student, regardless of any subsequent  
3           increases made to the base amount of the Kentucky educational excellence  
4           scholarship through the promulgation of an administrative regulation by the  
5           authority.

6           (b) Notwithstanding the definitions of "eligible high school student" and "high  
7           school" in KRS 164.7874, any high school student who maintains Kentucky  
8           residency and completes the academic courses that are required for a  
9           Kentucky educational excellence scholarship while participating in an  
10          approved educational high school foreign exchange program or participating  
11          in the United States Congressional Page School may apply his or her grade  
12          point average for that academic year toward the base as described in paragraph  
13          (a) of this subsection. The grade point average shall be reported by the  
14          student's Kentucky home high school, based on an official transcript from the  
15          school that the student attended during the out-of-state educational experience.  
16          The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations that describe the  
17          approval process for the educational exchange programs that qualify under  
18          this paragraph. The provisions in this paragraph shall likewise apply to any  
19          Kentucky high school student who participated in an approved educational  
20          exchange program or in a Congressional Page School since the 1998-99  
21          school year and maintained his or her Kentucky residency throughout.

22          (c) 1. Notwithstanding the definitions of "eligible high school student" and  
23                "high school" in KRS 164.7874 and the requirement that a student  
24                graduate from a Kentucky high school, a high school student who  
25                completes the KEES curriculum while attending an accredited out-of-  
26                state high school or Department of Defense school may apply the grade  
27                point average for any applicable academic year toward the base as

- 1 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and shall also qualify for a  
2 supplemental award under subsection (3) of this section when:
- 3 a. His or her custodial parent or guardian is in active service of the  
4 Armed Forces of the United States;~~and~~
- 5 b. ~~The custodial parent or guardian maintained Kentucky as the~~  
6 ~~home of record at the time the~~ student attended an accredited out-  
7 of-state high school or a Department of Defense school **as a result**  
8 **of the custodial parent's or guardian's military transfer; and**
- 9 **c. The student earned a KEES base amount at a Kentucky high**  
10 **school prior to the transfer.**
- 11 2. The student or parent shall arrange for the out-of-state school to report  
12 the student's grade point average each academic year and the student's  
13 highest ACT score to the authority as required under KRS 164.7885.  
14 The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations implementing  
15 the requirements in this paragraph, including:
- 16 a. The documentation that the parent shall submit to the authority  
17 establishing the student's eligibility for the scholarship; and
- 18 b. The assurances that an out- of state institution shall submit to the  
19 authority for submission of the student grade point average.
- 20 3. The provisions in this paragraph shall apply to the 2001-2002 school  
21 year and thereafter.
- 22 (d) Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, a student who meets the  
23 Kentucky core academic standards for high school graduation established in  
24 administrative regulation and graduates after completing three (3) years of  
25 high school shall receive a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship  
26 award equivalent to completing high school in four (4) years. The award shall  
27 be determined by dividing the total actual KEES scholarship earned under

1 subsection (1) of this section by three (3) and multiplying that number by four  
2 (4). The resulting number shall be the annual award the student is eligible for  
3 under subsection (1) of this section.

4 (3) (a) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student  
5 graduating from high school before June 30, 1999, and achieving a score of at  
6 least 15 on the American College Test, a supplemental award for the award  
7 period beginning in the fall of 1999, based on the eligible high school  
8 student's highest ACT score attained by the date of graduation from high  
9 school. The amount of the supplemental award shall be determined as follows:

10	ACT	Annual	ACT	Annual
11	Score	Bonus	Score	Bonus
12	15	\$21	22	\$171
13	16	\$43	23	\$193
14	17	\$64	24	\$214
15	18	\$86	25	\$236
16	19	\$107	26	\$257
17	20	\$129	27	\$279
18	21	\$150	28 or above	\$300

19 Subsequent supplemental awards for eligible high school students graduating  
20 before June 30, 1999, shall be determined in accordance with the provisions  
21 of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

22 (b) The authority shall commit to provide to each eligible high school student  
23 upon achievement after June 30, 1999, of an ACT score of at least 15 on the  
24 American College Test a supplemental award based on the eligible high  
25 school student's highest ACT score attained by the date of graduation from  
26 high school. The amount of the supplemental award shall be determined as  
27 follows:

	ACT		ACT	
	Score	Amount	Score	Amount
1				
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3	15	\$36	22	\$286
4	16	\$71	23	\$321
5	17	\$107	24	\$357
6	18	\$143	25	\$393
7	19	\$179	26	\$428
8	20	\$214	27	\$464
9	21	\$250	28 and above	\$500

10 The authority shall review the base amount of the supplemental award  
 11 beginning with the 2001-2002 academic year and each academic year  
 12 thereafter and may promulgate an administrative regulation to make  
 13 adjustments after considering the availability of funds.

14 (c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year, the authority shall commit to  
 15 provide a supplemental award for achievement on examinations for Advanced  
 16 Placement or International Baccalaureate as defined in KRS 164.002 to an  
 17 eligible high school student whose family was eligible for free or reduced-  
 18 price lunch for any year during high school enrollment.

- 19 1. The supplemental award for AP examination scores are as follows:
  - 20 a. Two hundred dollars (\$200) for each score of three (3);
  - 21 b. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each score of four (4); and
  - 22 c. Three hundred dollars (\$300) for each score of five (5).
- 23 2. The supplemental award for IB examination scores are as follows:
  - 24 a. Two hundred dollars (\$200) for each score of five (5);
  - 25 b. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each score of six (6); and
  - 26 c. Three hundred dollars (\$300) for each score of seven (7).

27 (d) Beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, the authority shall commit to

1 provide a supplemental award for achievement on examinations for  
2 Cambridge Advanced International as defined in KRS 164.002 to an eligible  
3 high school student whose family was eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch  
4 for any year during high school enrollment. The supplemental award for  
5 Cambridge Advanced International examination scores are as follows:

- 6 1. Two hundred dollars (\$200) for each score of "e";
- 7 2. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each score of "c" or "d"; and
- 8 3. Three hundred dollars (\$300) for each score of "a\*", "a", or "b".

9 (e) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the  
10 eligibility criteria and procedures for making a supplemental award to  
11 Kentucky residents who are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the  
12 United States and who graduate from a nonpublic secondary school not  
13 certified by the Kentucky Board of Education and Kentucky residents who are  
14 citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States and who obtain  
15 a High School Equivalency Diploma within five (5) years of their high school  
16 graduating class, and students under subsection (2)(c) of this section who do  
17 not attend an accredited high school.