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I.SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSED ON **DIVERSITY AND EQUITY**

BLACKS AT MICROSOFT SCHOLARSHIPS

Blacks@Microsoft (BAM) was founded in 1989. BAM continues to support young Black high school seniors with financial support to reach their educational goals. For 2021, BAM will award 27 Blacks at Microsoft Scholarships with a total value of \$175,000! These scholarships are open to high achieving high school seniors who plan to major in technology related fields.

Who is eligible to apply for the Blacks at Microsoft Scholarships?

To be considered for a BAM Scholarship, you must:

Be a high-school senior of African descent (African American or African).

Plan to attend a four-year college or university in the fall of the year following high-school graduation

Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or select business programs

Demonstrate a passion for technology

Demonstrate leadership at school or in the community

Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher

Require financial assistance to attend college

Make sure that you plan ahead, as there are a few requirements to complete this application. This includes two 250 to 500 word essays, a detailed resume, two letters of recommendation, a photograph, and a high school transcript.

How much are the Blacks at Microsoft Scholarships worth?

Four \$20,000 scholarships distributed over 4 years (\$5,000 per year, renewable)

Eight \$10,000 scholarships distributed over 2 years (\$5,000 per year, renewable)

Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships

When are the Blacks at Microsoft Scholarships applications due?

Submit all requirements on the Blacks@Microsoft Scholarship website. Be sure to submit your completed application by March 31, 2021.

Questions? Contact BAMScholarship@microsoft.com.

Best of luck to all who apply!

[APPLY HERE](#)

WIN A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Are you a student of color that's committed to making a difference in your community? The Multicultural Community Service scholarship is based on the belief that personal growth is tied to the importance of culture and community. If you'll be a college freshman in the fall, you're eligible! Here's what you have to do:

Send us a 1,000-word essay describing your community service activities and why they're important to you

Complete the application before the April 1 deadline

Share this opportunity with your service-passionate friends!

[Terms and Conditions »](#)

BIPOC Educators Scholarship

BIPOC Educators Scholarship :

Eligibility: Open to all BIPOC (black, Indigenous and people of color) students who are pursuing or are interested in pursuing a major in education

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: April 1, 2021

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Educational Diversity Scholarship

NKU believes that a diverse student body enhances the quality of the living and learning environment. As part of our additional scholarship opportunities, students will need to write an essay on how aspects of their identity, their life experiences, special skills or values equip them to make a positive contribution to help ensure that the NKU community is rich with diversity, yet inclusive of all its members. Awards range from \$500 to Full Tuition. Students must complete the online scholarship application by February 15th.

II. SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES (Seniors Only)

BARD COLLEGE BERLIN ANNOUNCES NEW HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP AND MORE

[Scholarships - Bard College Berlin](#)

Scholarships Bard College Berlin is a residential liberal arts college in Germany's capital city, offering BA degrees and one-year (gap year) programs in the Humanities and Social Sciences (including majors in fields like Economics, Politics, Art and Aesthetics, Literature and Rhetoric, and Ethics and Politics).

At BCB we've been busy welcoming new and returning students for the Spring 2021 semester. Germany, like much of Europe, is currently in a hard lockdown, but our spring semester will still start as planned on Monday. Until at least February 15 all courses will be held online. As soon as the regulations permit it, foundational level courses and practicing arts courses will meet in person with social distancing precautions. We anticipate a return to fully in-person instruction in the course of the semester.

My colleagues and I at the admissions office have been thrilled to start reading applications from the Regular Decision round. We've received **excellent applications from 74 countries around the world** for this application round and almost **20% of our applicants are first generation applicants**. We are grateful to be able to provide access to our education to excellent students from a diverse cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds with the support of our scholarship program.

We are also grateful to our counselor community for spreading the word about educational opportunities offered by BCB to your students. **Almost a quarter of all our applicants for this round list counselor guidance and support as a major contributor to their application to our institution.**

We have a lot of exciting news and resources to share with you in this email, including information about [brand new scholarships](#) and link to a student-led, virtual campus tour video.

UNIVERSITY OF THE AFTERMARKET FOUNDATION

[Nearly 500 Scholarships to be awarded!](#)

[Application Deadline: March 31, 2021](#)

Please urge your students to apply for the hundreds of available scholarships to be awarded for the 2021-22 academic year to students studying engineering, accounting, business or other courses of study **to enter the automotive field, as well as those training to become automotive, heavy duty or collision repair technicians**. Graduating high school seniors, full-time post-secondary students, and former recipients are welcome to apply. Each completed application is considered for all scholarships where the student meets the qualifications.

**Please share these scholarship opportunities with students, parents or anyone interested in applying for scholarships.
Text name, email to 720-903-2206 to receive information and reminders.**

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2021 KAGC SCHOLARSHIP

2021 KAGC Scholarship Application

Details: The Kentucky Association of Government Communicators has created a scholarship program to recognize Kentucky high school seniors for their hard work and commitment to both school and community.

Amount: A non-renewable \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to one (1) public high school senior who intends to study communications or journalism at any postsecondary institution.

Deadline for Application: Friday, March 12, 2021

Announcement: The winner will be announced and notified via email by Friday April 9, 2021. There will be a virtual presentation of the scholarship by the KAGC President and Board sometime in the spring of 2021. Details will follow.

Eligibility: Applicant must be a Kentucky resident. Students who are seniors in the spring of 2021 are eligible for this scholarship. KAGC members and their immediate family are not eligible for this scholarship.

Requirements: We recommend that applicants gather and prepare all required information and documents prior to starting the submission process. The application must be submitted electronically and completed in one session; applicant information will not be saved if browser is closed. Documentation must be submitted in one of the following formats: DOC, DOCX, JPG, PDF, or PNG.

Applicants must submit the following information and documents:

- 500-700 Word Original Essay: describing your post-secondary education and career goals in the field of communications
- Current GPA: winner's GPA must be verified by school principal
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation: from a teacher/administrator; author must be listed as one of the three required references
- Three (3) References: two from teachers/administrators and one from a representative of an external group/organization (name, title, email, and phone)
- General Resume Information: personal information about school activities and honors; work and volunteer experience

Questions: Please send questions (with "Question" in the subject line) to KAGC at KAGCScholarship@gmail.com.

How to Apply: Electronic submission, through Survey Monkey, is required. Apply at: <http://www.kagc.net/scholarship/> Complete the survey, including uploading the required documents listed above, no later than Friday March 12, 2021.

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Kentucky Association for College

Admission Counseling

Kimberly D. Merritt "Achieve Your Dreams" Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be a graduating high school senior and submit an essay.

Award: \$500

Deadline: Mid-February

Number: 4; 1 from central Kentucky, eastern Kentucky, northern Kentucky and western Kentucky

Contact: School Counselor, www.kyacac.org/docs

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ART CONTESTS

Louisville Artisans Guild Art Scholarship

This scholarship is open to a graduating high school senior from Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, and Bullitt Counties in Kentucky, or Floyd, Clark, and Harrison Counties in Indiana. Applicant must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be pursuing a college degree in non-performing Visual Arts or Visual Arts related field.

Deadline: February 15, 2021

[Click here to apply.](#)

Community Foundation of Louisville General Scholarship

The General Scholarship Application features 67 different scholarship opportunities and awards to hundreds of students each year. This scholarship is open to any student attending a post-secondary institution (two-year and four-year colleges, universities, and trade/vocational schools) for the upcoming (2021-2022) academic year. Other eligibility requirements vary.

Deadline: March 12, 2021

[Click here to apply.](#)

COLUMBIA UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

I am writing to share an important update for students considering applying to Columbia in 2021-2022.

In response to continued disruptions to standardized testing availability due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Columbia is extending our test-optional policy for one year, effective for first-year applicants to Columbia College or Columbia Engineering for entrance in the fall of 2022.

ACT and SAT test results will not be a required component for the first-year 2021-2022 application cycle, and students who are unable or choose not to submit test scores will not be at a disadvantage. We will continue to evaluate all submitted information within the holistic and contextual review process that considers individual circumstances shaping each applicant's journey. The rigor of a student's curriculum, their academic achievement, and their demonstrated intellectual curiosity will remain central to our review.

Please [review the story](#) we recently posted on our website for more detailed information on this new policy.

STUDENTS ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN FALL 2021

Due to COVID-19 circumstances, UA Early College will only be accepting Summer on Campus applications from current students who will be attending The University of Alabama as a college freshman in the fall of 2021. This decision has been made for the summer 2021 semester only, with the hope of resuming normal operations for Summer 2022. More information available [here](#).

ATHLETIC TRAINER POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY – FALL 2021

Seniors who hold a 2.75 or high cumulative GPA and may be interested in becoming a student athletic training aide at the University of Kentucky, please complete an application form and either email to me or mail to me by February 29, 2021 at: Joe Craft Football Training Center, 295 Alumni Drive Room 110, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0280. Students will be selected to interview with the full time staff in the spring.

Evan Griskowitz (859) 257-7349; evan.g@uky.edu

Interested students should contact Mr. Fowler for an application. Kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us

THE 2021 KIMBERLY D. MERRITT “ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS” SCHOLARSHIP

The 2021 Kimberly D. Merritt "Achieve Your Dreams" scholarship application is live! We invite your current seniors to apply for this one-time \$500 scholarship by March 1, 2021.

The application can be found here: <https://forms.gle/bWmuvEXhBuMyvr6Q6>.

Important note: the Scholarship Committee has made the decision to be test-blind. No test scores will be accepted or considered for the Achieve Your Dreams scholarship. The application does still ask for unweighted GPA and a brief essay. Again, the scholarship deadline is March 1. We look forward to reading applications!

If you have questions, please let us know.

Thanks,

Allie Kerns, Johnnie Johnson, Matthew Ruark

KYACAC Scholarship Committee

STUDENT~VIEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Student Insights is once again sponsoring a scholarship contest for high school seniors. We greatly appreciate Your help in communicating this scholarship to students at your school.

Student-View Scholarship Program

The 2021 Student-View Scholarship Program is offering \$13,000 worth of scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college, community/junior college or career school. The program includes:

- ° One \$5,000 scholarship
- ° Three \$1,000 scholarships
- ° Ten \$500 scholarships

It's quick and easy to apply:

- ° No minimum SAT/ACT score or grade point average
- ° No essay required
- No lengthy application forms
- ° No application fees

Simply log on to www.student-view.com and complete a 15-20 minute application survey about colleges in your area.

(Note: Please type www.student-view.com directly into the browser and not into a search engine such as Google or Yahoo! These search engines will frequently redirect students to advertiser sites not affiliated with the authentic Student-View Scholarship.)

The scholarship will be awarded via a random drawing of all completed applications. The scholarship winner will be Announced in May, 2021.

Don't wait. The scholarship deadline is April 22, 2021.

Student Insights is a market research firm helping colleges and universities communicate more effectively with high school seniors. For more information about the company, log on to www.studentinsights.com.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 724-903-0439 or contact@studentinsights.com.

LINDSEY WILSON BONNER SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The mission of the Bonner Leader Program is to transform the lives of students and members, the life of their campuses, their local communities, and the world through service and leadership. The Bonner Program is designed to heighten the overall education students and members receive by asking them to engage in ongoing service work and helping them develop the experience, skills, knowledge and values necessary to make that work meaningful and lasting.

The Bonner Foundation, the Bonner Scholars Program, and the Bonner Leaders Program hold these Common Commitments:

Social Justice

Civic Engagement

Spiritual Exploration

Diversity

International Perspective

Community Building

For the purposes of the Bonner Leader Program, “community service” is defined as service provided to individuals or communities to meet social, educational, or environmental needs. This service may be provided directly or indirectly through a student-initiated project or a project sponsored by a non-profit or government agency. No less than half of a Bonner Leader’s service hours must be spent in “direct, hands-on” community service activities such as tutoring, visiting the elderly, environmental clean-up, building a home, renovating a playground.

Some of our Bonner placements include: Summit Manor Nursing Home, Lake Cumberland Head Start, 4-H Youth Development, Camp Casey, and Columbia/Adair Co. Chamber of Commerce, The Center for Courageous Kids and several others.

The Bonner Scholar Program is funded through LWC and the Bonner Foundation. The Bonner Scholars would not function without cooperation from the community. The program accepts all forms of investments, whether they are personal time or ideas. Contact us if you have a potential project for Bonner Scholars or would like more information.

Contact Information

Location: Career Services and Bonner Scholar Center (Wilkerson)

Phone: 270-384-7469

Fax: 270-384-8434

E-mail: bonner@lindsey.edu

New Students - We are now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year.

Applicants should be highly motivated and service-oriented incoming college freshmen who want to improve their college experience through service to the local community. You do not have to be accepted at Lindsey Wilson College to apply for LWC Bonner, but you should be in the process of applying to LWC!

Apply here: <https://portal.lindsey.edu/forms/bonnerScholars/index.cfm>

Fill out the application form above and submit. If you prefer to mail a hard copy, please request a copy from bonner@lindsey.edu and mail it to The Bonner Program, 210 Lindsey Wilson Street, Columbia, KY 42728.

You must possess the following:

☐ Complete a Bonner Application, obtain letters of recommendation.

☐ Have a cumulative GPA above a 3.0.

☐ Commit to 7-10 hours of direct service weekly at one of the above sites or a site that fits the six commitments and meetings assigned by Bonner Director.

☐ Show that you are passionate about servant leadership.

INDEPENDENCE BANK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Scholarship Deadline Extended

We are excited to allow an extension in scholarship applications for all graduating seniors in the communities we serve.

Applications are due February 15th and can be completed online by visiting our website. All applicants will be notified of their status by email on or before March 25th

APPLY NOW

Independence Bank awards over \$100,000 each year to high school seniors pursuing a college education with dreams of making a difference. Our team seeks to understand applicant's goals, aspirations, where they come from and who they are, while also evaluating a typed essay, high school grades/GPA, ACT scores, financial need, extracurricular activities and volunteer tasks.

Questions? Email scholarships@1776bank.com or call your nearest Independence Bank location

LOUISVILLE AGRICULTURE CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

LOUISVILLE AGRICULTURAL CLUB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Louisville Agricultural Club will award three college scholarships for the current school year. The scholarships awarded are as follows: Kamin Family Scholarship, Corley Brown Memorial Scholarship and Charles Keen Memorial Scholarship. All three are for \$4000 each, spread over four years.

Scholarships can be applied to school-related expenses such as tuition, room, board, books, fees and supplies, etc. Payments are made directly to the student, annually, after grades are verified. RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARDS MUST REMAIN IN AN AG OR AG RELATED MAJOR TO CONTINUE RECEIVING FUNDS AS A FULL TIME STUDENT.

All application materials must be a scanned document, attached to an email and sent to Bryce Roberts at broberts@uky.edu by April 17, 2021. If you have any questions, email Bryce or call him at 502-477-2217.

ELIGIBILITY

*Scholarship awards are only for high school seniors who are residents of Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd, and Harrison counties in Indiana.

RULES

* Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who enroll in agricultural or agricultural-related curricula (courses of study that provide training directly related to the production or processing of agricultural goods, or for the provision of services to producers/processors of agricultural goods) at agricultural colleges or universities only in Kentucky or Indiana. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, financial need, leadership, extra-curricular activities, character and citizenship.

* Applications that are incomplete or missing documentation may result in disqualification and the application will not be judged.

Students interested in this scholarship please contact Mr. Fowler for the application: kevin.fowler@jefferson.kyschools.us

III. COLLEGE VISITS, FLY-INS, & OPEN HOUSES

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERISTY VIRTUAL VISITS AND UPDATES

Test-Optional Admission: We are excited to share that we have adopted our current [test optional policy](#) as our standard admission policy! First-year and transfer applicants applying for any future entry term will not be required to submit a standardized test score but may self-report an ACT/SAT if they want it to be considered in the admission decision.

Spanish Language Resource Page

New to our website is our [Spanish resources](#) page! This page will be home to resources to help our Spanish speaking families during the college search process. More information will be added to the page in the coming months.

Financial Aid Offers Released

Our office of Student Financial Aid has begun to release financial aid offer letters to incoming first year students. Financial aid offers are sent electronically to students via their [WMU email](#). If a student has a question about how to access their offer letter, please have them contact their [admission representative](#).

- **[Campus Tours](#):** Students and families may register for in-person campus tours, and we will continue to offer these opportunities pending state/federal/university orders and guidelines. Students are able to register for tours [online](#).
- **[Other Virtual Experiences](#):** For any student not able to visit campus, or who wants to get a jump start on their college search process, we also offer a variety of other virtual experiences including college information sessions, live student led virtual tour, and more.

GO TO COLLEGE FAIRS

Go to College Fairs has a great system in place where students will be able to see what colleges/universities have signed up for the fair so they will know who is coming in advance. The fairs will be **FREE** for your students to attend. We will remind you when the date gets closer, but your students will go to this link to register:: <https://kyacac.swoogo.com/spring21collegefairs>.

NACAC Virtual College Fairs are back

NACAC's upcoming series of [Virtual College Fairs](#) kicks off on **Jan. 31**! Common App is thrilled to support these virtual events, designed to help students connect with college admissions officers and ask important questions about the application process. These sessions support all students, including seniors who have not yet applied. Students can prepare ahead of time by tagging the Zoom sessions they want to attend.

If your students can't make it to the first event, there are more opportunities to join this spring:

- [February 28, 1:00 - 7:00 pm ET](#)
- [March 7 \(STEM Fair\), 1:00 - 5:00 pm ET](#)
- [March 16 \(Performing and Visual Arts Fair\), 4:00 - 8:00 ET](#)
- [March 21, 1:00 - 7:00 pm ET](#)
- [April 10 \(Western U.S. Fair\), 12 noon - 4:00 pm ET](#)
- [April 20 \(Southeastern U.S. Fair\), 3:00 - 7:00 pm ET](#)
- [May 2, 1:00 - 7:00 pm ET](#)

[Register Today](#)

MARIST COLLEGE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit Options Overview

Marist is available for [in-person visits](#), which include guided tours and information sessions, as well as specialty sunset tours. Marist is also offering a wide range of [virtual visit options](#) so that you can experience our riverfront campus from the comfort and safety of your own home. Or, try our [self-guided driving and walking tours](#) which allows you to travel through campus at your own pace and learn about life on campus.

Watch the video to learn about the exclusive opportunity to tour inside our state-of-the-art facilities while our students are on winter break. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fR47TCFF2gM&feature=emb_title

IV. COLLEGE TESTING SUPPORT

ACT MATH CLASSES MARCH 2021

Interested in tutoring in an upcoming Math ACT class that is preparing students for the March in school ACT?
ACT MATH CLASSES

Thursday evenings for 4 weeks leading up to in-school March 2021 Test

Classes taught by a Professional full-time ACT math tutor

Customized Math ACT Study guide for all students

3 Math ACT Practice tests with individualized feedback
for students

Math Skills Practice Packet - 130+ pages of Math problems
to reinforce skills

Assistance for those students with test anxiety

TONY MIGLIO 859.835.1900 nkyltutoring@gmail.com www.nkyltutoring.com

Thursday 8-9 pm EST (7-8 CST)

February 4, 11, 18, 25th

\$199 for 4 weeks

of ACT Math class prep

You can register here at www.nkyltutoring.com/schedule

If you have any questions or if you are looking for 1-1 prep, feel free to contact Tony Miglio
at nkyltutoring@gmail.com

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

I hope you are all doing well. I wanted to give you some information about our ACT Prep Class taking place in February. Registration for the class is now open. You can register online at <https://www.ertutor.com/>. We offer this class in person at our Learning Center or online. This class offers a review of content, strategy and test taking skills.

Class dates are as follows:

Feb 14th- Strategy and Prep Class 1:30-4:30

Feb 20th- Practice Test 10:00-2:00

Feb 21- Strategy and Prep Class 1:30-4:30

Feb 28th- Strategy and Prep Class 1:30-4:30

March 6- Practice Test 10:00-2:00

March 7th- Strategy and Prep Class 1:30-4:30

Please visit our website for more information.

Thank you,
Lindsay O'Brien, Director
Educational Resources
502-426-8002

V. STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES (VARIOUS GRADE LEVELS)

BOSTON COLLEGE UPDATES

Test-Optional Policy Extended to the Class of 2026

Boston College will remain [test-optional](#) for first-year (and now transfer) applicants during the 2021-22 admission cycle due to our concerns for student safety and an uncertain testing landscape related to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

By setting this policy early in the calendar year, we hope it will be helpful to you as you advise your juniors in the weeks ahead. This year, 42% of our applicants applied as test-submitters. We expect that when the Class of 2025 is finalized at the end of the cycle, we will find a similar percentage among our enrolled students.

Thank you for all you do in support of students, especially during these unprecedented times. We know that you must make professional and personal sacrifices each day and we commend you for your efforts. We will send another email in March to update you on the results of our Regular Decision round. In the meantime, best wishes to you and your students in the weeks ahead.

KHEAA HELPS KENTUCKIANS PAY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Kentuckians seeking help to pay for college or technical training can take advantage of student aid programs administered by KHEAA.

“Every Kentuckian should be able to pursue higher education or technical training after high school, without financial barriers holding them back,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “I encourage students to take advantage of KHEAA’s financial aid programs that make college and vocational classes possible for so many of our students.”

KHEAA programs include the:

- Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship. KEES lets high school students earn money by getting good grades in school and doing well on the ACT or SAT.
- College Access Program Grant. CAP awards help financially needy students pay for classes at Kentucky’s public and private two- and four-year colleges.
- Kentucky Tuition Grant. Students enrolled full time in associate’s and bachelor’s degree programs at the state’s private colleges may be eligible for a KTG award.
- Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship. The WRKS helps Kentuckians who have not yet earned an associate’s degree afford an industry recognized certificate, diploma or AAS degree.

For complete information about these and other programs, visit kheaa.com.

KENTUCKY RISING JUNIOR MAY WIN SCHOLARSHIP, PHOTO SHOOT

A rising junior at one of Kentucky's public or private high schools will win a \$500 scholarship and a photo shoot at their school through KHEAA's "Promote Your School" scholarship contest.

"The 'Promote Your School' scholarship contest gives students an opportunity to inspire others and showcase the true value of education in their community," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "In addition to receiving scholarship money, the winner will also get to see themselves and their classmates featured in KHEAA publications that are distributed to all the high schools across in the commonwealth."

The school must participate in the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program for a student to be eligible to enter. To be considered for the scholarship, students must submit an essay addressing one of these subjects:

- How I will inspire others to do better.
- How education makes a community stronger.

The essay must be no more than 200 words in length and cannot mention the student's name, school, county or community. The essay should not identify the student by race, gender, religion or other manner. Essays in excess of 200 words or ones that include identifying information will be disqualified.

The essay topic must be shown at the top of the page. The student's name, address and high school must be listed at the bottom of the essay. The student must be a high school junior during the 2021–2022 school year, so entrants must be high school sophomores this spring. For contest details, visit kheaa.com/website/contest/rules.

Photos from the winning school will be used in KHEAA publications and on KHEAA websites.

To enter, mail your essay to KHEAA Publications, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may also email your essay to publications@kheaa.com. The winner will be chosen

by a committee of KHEAA employees. The deadline for submissions is May 31.

The scholarship funds will be sent to the winner's school when he or she enters college as a freshman.

Students from high schools that have won in the past five years — Bullitt East, Warren East, Paducah St. Mary, Logan County and Daviess County — are not eligible to enter this year's contest.

KHEAA COLLEGE CONNECTION

You will find the following articles in this month's issue:

- KHEAA financial aid programs
- Essay contest
- Free book for adults returning to college
- Student loan entrance counseling
- And more

Your KHEAA College Connection is a newsletter created to inform students, parents and others about state education news, financial aid, financial literacy and other educational topics.

Go to this link for the latest issue: <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/65231540/ykcc-january-2021>

UPDATES FROM WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Extending Our Test-Optional Admission Pilot

In response to ongoing public health concerns, and so that we can take the most thoughtful approach to assessing the impact of this year's test-optional policy, our pilot has been extended for two additional years. All students applying for entry in fall 2021, 2022, or 2023 may choose whether to submit SAT/ACT exam results. This policy applies to all applicants—first-year and transfer, domestic and international, those studying in a school-based setting or homeschooled. Regardless, they will be evaluated through a student-centered, holistic evaluation process.

As you counsel students interested in Williams, it may be helpful to know that during Early Decision, 46% of applicants and 43% of admitted students did not submit the SAT/ACT. Among Regular Decision applicants, 48% have applied without testing. We are still in the early stages of Regular Decision review, but I look forward to sharing additional data about the profile of admitted students this summer. In the meantime, please know that testing is *truly* optional.

Exploring Williams Virtually

Our campus remains closed to visitors until further notice, but there are many ways to explore Williams from afar. Over the next few months students and families can connect with us via:

- A series of topic-specific [virtual open houses](#)
- [Weekly information sessions](#)
- Informal [Eph Chats](#) with current students
- Our [virtual tour](#)

And while we're eager to get to know your students, we know that for many, there's simply no time or bandwidth for even one more moment on Zoom. We get it. Believe me, we get it! Please note that Williams doesn't track or use demonstrated interest in any way. If students find it helpful to connect, we can't wait to meet them. If not, we look forward to getting to know them through the application process in the months ahead.

Expanding Our Free Summer Initiative

All students receiving financial aid can now choose any two summers during their Williams career when their summer earnings contribution will be replaced by additional grant funding from Williams. Our hope is that this initiative will allow students to consider opportunities they otherwise couldn't—unpaid internships, research fellowships, passion projects, and self-care—but their plans need not meet any specific requirements to benefit from the additional funding. The Free Summers are theirs to use, with no questions asked.

While I'm thrilled to share these updates with you, I also know they address just a tiny portion of the enormous challenges your students face right now. We remain committed to constantly re-examining our practices for ways to improve and better serve all students. Thanks, as always, for your partnership in that work.

CARNEGIE MELLON PRE~COLLEGE: VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION RECORDINGS

I hope 2021 has been treating you well so far. Below you'll find a link to our Student Virtual Information Session recordings that we held over the last two months. Led by our Carnegie Mellon Pre-College staff, the Virtual Information Sessions allowed students to connect with our Academic Program Directors from each of our programs as they describe the online classroom experience. In addition, our Pre-College staff provided information on our admission process and remote student experience.

[Virtual Information Session Recordings](#)

We hope that these recordings will be helpful to you and your students.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

TUFTS PRE~COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Enrollment is now open: Choose the Program that is right for you...

At Tufts, our Pre-College Programs offer ambitious high school students the opportunity to learn from renowned faculty and experience a rigorous academic environment at a leading higher education institution. **Applications are now OPEN! Start yours today!**

Follow this link: <https://universitycollege.tufts.edu/high-school>

Tuition Estimate

For Credit: see individual course listing; typically \$990 per Credit

Tuition is charged on a per-credit basis for most courses and the total number of course credits and the total cost of any given course will be listed on the course when you register. Most courses that are open to high school students are \$990 per credit and are 3 credits each, for a total tuition cost of \$2,970. Please be sure to check the cost of each course for which you are registering.

JOHNS HOPKINS PRE-COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

The Association for Pre-College Program Directors is proud to present the 2021 Summer Pre-College Program Fairs, a series of virtual events that provide students and their families the opportunity to learn about academic summer programs at top US college and universities.

Representatives from [Johns Hopkins Engineering](#) ([Explore Engineering Innovation](#) and [Biomedical Engineering Innovation](#)) will be at the fairs on:

Saturday, February 20 11:00 am - 1:30 pm EST

Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm EST

Saturday, April 10, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm EST

Registration is now open

At each fair, attendees may:

Visit virtual booths, where you can ask questions via text or video chat with summer program representatives.

View helpful webinars on how to choose a summer program, how to strengthen your application, how to make the most out of your summer program experience.

Registration is **FREE** to attendees. We invite you to visit the Virtual Fairs website

at <https://www.summerstudyintheusa.org/virtualstudentfairs> for complete information on dates, times, and which institutions will be represented at each event. We also encourage you to visit [SummerStudyintheUSA.org](https://www.summerstudyintheusa.org), where you can search participating programs by your grade level, academic interests, and more.

Registration for the February fairs is open on the [Virtual Fairs website](#).

Questions about the event can be submitted to PCPDVirtualFairsInfo@gmail.com.






RISE

We have some BIG news...

We are extending the application deadline to February 10th!

If you haven't finished your Rise application, now is your chance!

Just by applying, you join the Rise global community from over 150 countries. And Global Winners receive benefits FOR LIFE — which together could exceed \$500,000, depending on need!

-  Scholarships for university
-  Residential summit experience
-  Mentors and career guidance
-  Access to funding to start a social enterprise
-  Global community of future leaders

The first part of the application only takes 30 minutes — you record selfie videos telling us about your story, your passions, and your ideas for building a better world.

So what are you waiting for? Go to the Hello World - Rise app and finish your application today

[Finish Your Application](#)

JUNIORS INTERESTED IN TULANE UNIVERSITY

Tulane has updated their test score policy for those applying in Fall 2021 to enroll in Fall 2022. Please [click here](#) to read more about Tulane's decision regarding test optional for the upcoming admission cycle.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI SPRING UPDATES

Cincinnati Decision Day: February 5

This Friday at 5:00 PM EST, Uptown applicants who met the December 1 Early Action deadline will receive an email prompting them to log into their [applicant status portal](#) and view their admission decision. Please encourage students to ensure they're able to access this portal before Cincinnati Decision Day. (Regional campus decisions are released on a rolling basis. CCM applicants will receive their decisions over the course of the next month.)

Application Fee Waiver: February 1-15

Between February 1 through February 15, undergraduate applicants to any campus during any open term (including fall 2021) will be able to submit their application without being prompted to pay the application fee.

Cincinnati Showcase: February 23, 4:00-6:30 PM EST

Juniors and seniors can learn about academics, student life, and admissions for all three UC campuses during this virtual "open house." Students can attend up to five, 20-minute breakout sessions of their choice.

[Cincinnati Showcase registration. >>](#)

Admissions Staff Update

We're excited to have added several new Admissions Counselors to our team! Please check our websites to identify the Cincinnati representative for your students.

[Find your Uptown admissions counselor. >>](#)

[Identify your Blue Ash admissions representative. >>](#)

[Contact Clermont admissions staff. >>](#)

STANFORD PRE~COLLEGIATE STUDIES

Now Accepting Applications

This summer, Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies will bring together motivated students from around the world to create a unique, online learning community. We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for all summer 2021 programs.

Our programs offer intellectually curious students the opportunity to explore topics beyond the typical high school curriculum. Students engage in discussion-based online classes with instructors who are scholars in their fields and passionate about teaching. From bioscience to business, creative writing to computer science, and philosophy to physics, our courses offer an exciting opportunity for every student.

The following programs are now accepting applications:

[Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes](#)

[Stanford Summer Humanities Institute](#)

[Stanford University Mathematics Camp \(SUMAC\)](#)

[Stanford Medical Youth Science Program \(SMYSP\)](#)

Apply today and discover why one student described last summer as "simply the best academic experience I have had so far."

Explore Summer 2021 Programs

Applications are due by March 10, 2021. Financial aid is available.

COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR CURRENT JUNIORS – QUESTBRIDGE

As the Co-Founder and CEO of QuestBridge, I'm reaching out to let you know [2021 QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program](#) for high school juniors opens in early February. QuestBridge is a nationally recognized nonprofit that equips academically outstanding, low-income students to gain admission and full four-year scholarships to [45 top colleges](#)

If your school is meeting virtually, we also have an online [Student Outreach Toolkit](#) with social media posts and more.

We will be in touch when the application opens with details about referring [qualified high school juniors](#).

The deadline for students to apply is March 24, 2021.

SYRACUSE PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

The Association for Pre-College Program Directors is proud to present the 2021 Summer Pre-College Program Fairs, a series of FREE virtual events that provide high school students, families, and education professionals with the opportunity to learn about academic summer programs at top US College and Universities.

At each fair, attendees can:

- Visit virtual booths, where you can ask questions via text or video chat with summer program representatives.
- View live webinars on how to choose a summer program, and how to make the most of a summer program experience.

We invite you to visit the [Program Fairs website](#) for registration information, dates, times, and a list of the institutions that will be represented at each fair. We also encourage you to visit [SummerStudyintheUSA.org](#), where you can search for programs by grade level, academic interests, financial aid, and more.

Registration is now open for the February 3 and February 20 Virtual Fairs.

Representatives from Syracuse University's Office of Pre-College Programs will be at the fairs on both February 3 and February 20. We hope to see you there!

AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

Oratorical

The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Oratorical Contacts

- David King (859) 595-6595 dlking@bellsouth.net
- John Mullins (502) 695-3097 John7Mullins@aol.com
- Mark Kennedy (270) 752-3333 usmc1965@bellsouth.net

Oratorical

- [Schedule](#)
- [Rules](#)
- [Topics/Awards](#)
- [2021 Winners](#)

COLLEXPRESS OPPORTUNITIES

[\\$1,000 | Ciccarelli Law Scholarship](#)

Deadline: February 15

Info: Applicants must be enrolled at a college or university this winter. Essay on one of the following questions is required: What sacrifices are you prepared to make on behalf of your family in service to your community or country? (Or) Is there virtue in being a workaholic overachiever in today's age?

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$1,000 | Student Video Contest](#)

Deadline: February 25

Info: Applicant must be a high school student who creates a short video about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges: feeding 10 billion, preventing pollution, and advancing women and girls. Video must include how population growth impacts the issue and at least one idea for a sustainable solution.

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$30,000 | Doodle for Google](#)

Deadline: February 26

Info: Applicant must be a high school student. Doodle based on the theme "I am strong because..." is required.

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$1,000 | Scholars Helping Collars Scholarship](#)

Deadline: February 28

Info: Applicant must be a United States resident who is enrolled as a full-time high school junior or senior. A 500–1,000 word essay with two to three photos of the applicant's volunteer efforts to help animals in need and how that involvement has changed their life or shaped their perceptions on the importance of animal welfare.

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$5,000 | Hunter Garner Scholarship](#)

Deadline: March 1

Info: Applicant must be a graduating high school or college student who submits a video, billboard design, or radio recording that encourages their peers to develop and embrace safe driving habits.

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$1,000 | DNA Day Essay Contest](#)

Deadline: March 3

Info: Applicant must be a high school student and submit an essay based on the given prompt reflecting on an important concept in genetics.

[Apply Now](#)

[\\$10,000 | Live Nation US Concerts Scholarship](#)

Deadline: April 1

Info: Applicants must be full-time juniors or seniors enrolled at an accredited college or university pursuing a career in live entertainment such as: music business management, customer service, hospitality, or other related fields. A minimum 3.0 GPA or higher is required. Students will submit a 500-word essay on the role music has played in your life and how it has inspired you to pursue a career in the music industry.

[Apply Now](#)



\$1,000 Christian College EDGE Scholarship

Sponsored by: The Christian Connector, Inc.

[Apply Now](#)

NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

Spring 2021 Schedule

Students may attend as many fairs as they wish! Click to see a list of colleges that will be at each fair. Additional colleges will be added throughout the spring.



Please share this short [how-to video](#) and [quick start guide](#) and encourage students to sign up at virtualcollegefairs.org.

KELLY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT IU SUMMER PROGRAM

[View online](#)



Business is Global:
Impactful and virtual



The Indiana University [Center for International Business Education and Research \(CIBER\)](#) and [Kelley School of Business](#) invite your students to Business is Global 2021, a unique, two-week summer program for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. BIG offers immersion opportunities in international business, less commonly taught languages, and cultures from around the world—no passport is necessary. This year, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are offering the program in a virtual format.

Please share this opportunity with your students. After experiencing Business is Global, no matter what educational or career path your students choose to follow, you can be sure they will leave our program as confident, smart young adults ready to take on the world.

Application and details

BIG participants will experience a unique blend of culture, language, and international business learning that introduces them to the myriad of opportunities available in today's global marketplace. Throughout this two week program your students will be introduced to: Cultures and business practices around the world

Less commonly taught languages from dynamic and emerging economies, including Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Greek, Hungarian, Mandarin Chinese, Norwegian, Russian, and Turkish Business fundamentals from the top-ranked Kelley School of Business faculty, including finance, operations, marketing, strategy, and entrepreneurship

Business is Global students also have a chance to experience many new cultural and professional opportunities that enrich learning. For example, BIG participants in previous years have had the opportunity to practice Arabic calligraphy, paint matryoshkas, experience Chinese dancing, attend a networking reception with regional business leaders, compete in a cross-cultural business competition, and much more.

[Check out the Business is Global 2019 video here!](#)

While the 2021 program will be virtual, we're planning an equally impactful program that your students will find insightful. Please share this opportunity with them.

Sincerely,
Amanda Wood
Program Manager
ciber@indiana.edu

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Kelley School of Business
Indiana University



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VI. PARENT INFORMATION

KENTUCKY YOUTH CAREER CENTER

If you're 18-24, live in Jefferson County, and are looking for your next steps with education or employment, we are here for you!



Start the new year with a positive step toward earning your GED, getting work-related certifications, or obtaining employment. We even have a paid internship program for high school and GED graduates! You can do it, and we're here to help! We also offer financial incentives for completing goals.

[Register Today!](#)

[Watch the video](#) to hear more about how the KYCC helped Julie.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID CAN HELP PAY COLLEGE COSTS

The federal government offers many financial aid programs to help students and families pay for college. Applying for those programs means submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, usually called the FAFSA.

“Kentuckians should know all the options they have for assistance in continuing their education. The federal government is the primary source of financial aid for students in either the technical or academic fields,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “All Kentuckians pursuing education after high school should file the FAFSA so they can take advantage of any federal grants for which they may qualify and, if necessary, secure federal student loans.”

These brief summaries describe the more common federal grant and loan programs. Grants generally do not have to be repaid, but loans do. More about these programs can be found at studentaid.gov.

- **Federal Pell Grant:** Pell Grants provide up to \$6,345 per year for undergraduates with financial need. That amount is expected to increase for the 2021–22 school year.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant:** These grants provide up to \$4,000 per year for undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need.
- **Direct Loans:** These loans are available to undergraduate, graduate and professional students. The amount students can borrow depends on their year in school.
- **Federal PLUS Loans:** Parents of dependent undergraduate students may qualify for PLUS Loans, depending on the parents' credit ratings. The amount available depends on how much other financial aid the student receives. Graduate and professional students may apply for PLUS Loans if they have exhausted their Direct Loan eligibility.

JOBCORPS UPDATES

We are very excited to say that while not all Jobcorps centers are opening at present, our center in Simpsonville, Whitney M Young, is open! We are currently phasing in current students in groups and then will move on to new students. We hope to have new students starting in the next month or two. Since the application can take three to four weeks to complete, this would be an excellent time for students to begin the Jobcorps application process if they are interested! I am hoping many of your counselors can spread the word and find students who might really benefit from the program. Below is a list of trades the students can choose from at Whitney. I have once again included the Jobcorps informational video in hopes that your staff will take the time to learn more. Thanks for your help in spreading the word!

- Welding
- Carpentry
- Brick Masonry
- Cement Masonry
- Culinary Arts
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician

Greetings JCPS! My names is Kristen Blevins, and I am an admissions counselor with Jobcorps. Let me begin by thanking you for all your hard work this school year. Being a former teacher myself, I respect all you do to go above and beyond for the students. I'm writing to you today to spread the word about Jobcorps and how we might be able to help your students – any students, but especially those who are struggling in the traditional high school environment. In my experience I have learned that many people have heard of Jobcorps, but they may not actually know a lot about us or about what we can offer. In hopes of developing an ongoing and working relationship with you, Michelle Sircy has been kind enough to let me reach out to you with an invite to learn more about Jobcorps. Below is a link for a recorded information session that you can watch when is convenient for you! The session is about 40 minutes to 1 hour. I believe that together we can reach some of our students who really need a change to find success in this world. Please feel free to email questions! I look forward to seeing you at a session and hopefully meeting you eventually in person! Thanks for your time!

Please join us or refer anyone who may be a good match for Jobcorps!

Fast forward to 22 minutes in to begin the recorded session.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2006005498738818574>

If you get a chance please check out the campus tour and YouTube links below. It will take less than 10 minutes and will prepare you for the presentation.

<https://roundme.com/embed/dHWslwLfy0tau02qrEfH> Virtual Tour of Whitney M. Young

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbC3VeX7ipU> (intro)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVRVqsQTSxs>
(student conduct)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ng4839THIAI> closing

FIRST-TIME FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS MUST TAKE ENTRANCE COUNSELING

Kentuckians who will borrow money for college using federal student loans must complete entrance counseling if they are borrowing for the first time.

“Entrance counseling will help students understand the financial commitments they’re agreeing to when they receive their loan,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Fully understanding these financial obligations is an important step if you’re taking out federal student loans to help pay for education after high school. I’m glad our students now have this resource to learn more early in the process.”

The U.S. Department of Education requires borrowers to complete the counseling before students will receive loan funds. The counseling will teach users how to borrow responsibly so they don’t take out more loans than they need.

The department offers online counseling at studentaid.gov under the Complete Aid Process tab. The counseling should take between 20 to 30 minutes. Borrowers should check with their college to see if the federal counseling session is accepted as some schools have alternate counseling program requirements.

2021 METRO COVID-19 ASSISTANCE

2021 METRO COVID-19 UTILITY ASSISTANCE

OFFICE OF RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

IF YOU HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE.

Requirements

- ✓ Be a Jefferson County, KY resident
- ✓ Experienced a COVID-related economic hardship
- ✓ Have a past due/delinquent LG&E electric or gas bill, or Louisville Water/MSD utility bill
(Arrearage must have occurred between March 16 - December 31, 2020)

LG&E ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Up to \$500 in assistance.

Apply via the Association of Community Ministries
Call your local ministry by visiting www.louisvilleministries.org or call Metro United Way's 2-1-1 to locate the ministry nearest you.

OR

Apply at Local Neighborhood Place Via Automated Scheduler
For eligibility and to schedule an appointment:
Call 502/977-6636 or visit LGEHELP@itfrontdesk.com

LOUISVILLE WATER & MSD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Up to \$500 in assistance.

Apply online using self-service portal at:
LouisvilleWater.com/MetroReliefPortal

Customers without computer access can visit local Community Ministries, make an appointment with the Louisville Free Public Library or visit Louisville Water at 550 South Third St.

LIHEAP CRISIS ASSISTANCE ALSO AVAILABLE
LIHEAP (LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE) CRISIS COMPONENT
Up to \$400 in assistance.

Eligibility and how to apply:

- Household income 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- Received a brown, disconnection notice from utility service provider or a past due notice; or an eviction notice if utilities included in the rent; or within 10 days of running out of pre-paid electric; or within 4 days of running out of bulk fuel.
- Use automated scheduler at 502/991-8391 or louisvilleky.govcascheduler.com
- No COVID-related delinquency required for this program

Qualified applicants will receive assistance based on the order received. Funds for the COVID Utility LG&E and Louisville Water/MSD bill assistance are made possible by Louisville Metro Government with administrative support provided by the Association of Community Ministries and Neighborhood Place. LIHEAP is a federally funded program.