

# SCHOLARSHIP FAQs

## Questions?

WKCTC Scholarship Office  
Anderson Technical Building, Room 106  
(270) 534-3065



**When is the WKCTC scholarship application deadline?**

The WKCTC Scholarship deadline is the first Monday in March. The deadline for 2012 – 2013 applications is March 1, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. All applications and supporting documentation must be received by this time. Incomplete applications are not considered. No exceptions.

**How do I find out about scholarship opportunities at WKCTC?**

Scholarship brochures are distributed to high school guidance counselors each year in November. Brochures are also available in the Scholarship and Admission offices on campus. Students can visit the scholarship Web page at any time for information about WKCTC scholarships ([http://westkentucky.kctcs.edu/Costs\\_and\\_Financial\\_Aid/Scholarship\\_Information.aspx](http://westkentucky.kctcs.edu/Costs_and_Financial_Aid/Scholarship_Information.aspx)).

**How do I contact the WKCTC Scholarship Office?**

The WKCTC Scholarship Office is located in room 106 of the Anderson Technical Building. You can phone the office at (270) 534-3065. The office mailing address is: POB 7380, Paducah KY 42002-7380.

**How often does WKCTC award scholarships?**

WKCTC awards scholarships one time per year. Applications are accepted from December until the March deadline for studies during the following academic year.

**What is an merit scholarship?**

A high school senior merit scholarship is an award that is based on a student’s GPA (seventh semester cumulative) and ACT. A currently enrolled WKCTC student merit scholarship is an award that is based on a student’s GPA and credit hours. A student must submit a completed scholarship application to be considered for any merit scholarship. Merit scholarships awarded to high school seniors are renewable for a second year of continuous study if certain performance criteria are maintained. All merit scholarships are based upon full-time attendance. Academic scholarships pay for WKCTC tuition only.

**High School Senior Merit Scholarships**

KCTCS Commonwealth Scholarship	Full Tuition*
National Merit Scholarship	\$2,000
Presidential Scholarship	Full Tuition*
Trustee’s Scholarship	75% Tuition Funding*
Academic Excellence Scholarship	50% Tuition Funding*
Beiderwell I Scholarship	25% Tuition Funding*

Awarded to valedictorians of any public Kentucky high school (as of seventh semester).
Available to all National Merit Finalists and Semi-Finalists. This scholarship is in addition to other awards earned.

**Currently Enrolled WKCTC Student Merit Scholarship**

Beiderwell II Scholarship	25% Tuition Funding*
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- Student must have cumulative GPA of 3.90 and above
- Student must have completed 24 to 35 credit hours at WKCTC (PCC and WKTC credits apply)

\* Full tuition is considered up to 15 hours.

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	3.50	3.60	3.70	3.80	3.90	4.00

### **What is a National Science Foundation STEM Scholarship?**

STEM scholarships are available to qualified high school students. This scholarship enables low-income, non-traditional or minority students to pursue an associate degree in manufacturing/engineering technology, information technology or pre-engineering programs. This scholarship may be renewable for a second consecutive year of study based on academic performance.

Current high school seniors are eligible for STEM scholarships at WKCTC if:

1. A complete scholarship application is submitted.
2. They are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, refugee alien or permanent resident alien at the time of application.
3. They plan to be enrolled fulltime at WKCTC. Fulltime enrollment for STEM scholarships required completion of 30 credit hours each academic year.
4. Demonstrate academic potential and/or ability based upon high school GPA and ACT score.
5. Submit teacher recommendations.
6. Submit a 500 word essay on goals and expectations of applicant's chosen career.
7. Submit a 2011 FAFSA confirmation
8. Demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education eligibility rules for need-based federal financial aid.

Please direct STEM scholarship questions to:

Stephanie Milliken  
Dean, Technical & Industrial Division  
Anderson Technical Building, Room 145C  
(270) 534-3394  
stephanie.milliken@kctcs.edu

### **What is a Minority Educator Recruitment & Retention Scholarship?**

The MERR scholarship is a competitive and renewable award for two academic years. Recipients may receive up to \$2000 per academic year, \$1,000 per semester. NOTE: If any of these requirements are not met, the scholarship converts to a loan payable at 6% annually.

A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE SEE CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

All candidates must:

1. Be a minority as defined by KRS 160.345.
2. Be a U.S. citizen and Kentucky resident.
3. Maintain a 2.5 GPA.
4. Declare teacher education as a major field of study.
5. Be an undergraduate or graduate pursuing initial certification.
6. Maintain continuous full-time enrollment or part-time if within 18 semester hours of receiving a teacher education degree.
7. Obtain Kentucky teacher certificate.
8. Teach one semester in Kentucky for each semester or summer term the scholarship is received.

Please direct MEER Scholarship questions to:

Jipaum Askew Robinson, Director of Cultural Diversity  
Anderson Technical Building  
(270) 534-3420 • jaskewgibson0001@kctcs.edu

### **What is a general scholarship?**

A general scholarship is an award that is based upon stated criteria.

Students should consider general scholarship award criteria when completing the scholarship application. Students may elect to complete any or all of the Optional Information section of the application. Such information may be required to be eligible for specific scholarships. For instance, a student applying for the Kentucky Colonels Better Life Scholarship must provide his or her sex, marital status and information about household children. Students should review the Scholarship Opportunities brochure and personally determine if such information should be disclosed. The WKCTC Scholarship Office is not responsible for notifying applicants as to their eligibility based upon Optional Information provided. Academic scholarships pay for WKCTC tuition only.

### **What is a need-based scholarship?**

A need-based scholarship is an award that is based upon stated criteria as well as evidence of financial need. The WKCTC Scholarship Committee considers the FAFSA calculated EFC (expected family contribution) as an indication of financial need. All students are encouraged to complete a FAFSA and submit a copy of the web confirmation page to the Scholarship Office by the application deadline. Students who do not submit a FAFSA

web confirmation that includes an EFC will not be considered for any scholarship where financial need is indicated. Academic scholarships pay for WKCTC tuition only.

#### **How does a student apply for a scholarship?**

Scholarship applications are only accepted online ([http://westkentucky.kctcs.edu/Costs\\_and\\_Financial\\_Aid/Scholarship\\_Information.aspx](http://westkentucky.kctcs.edu/Costs_and_Financial_Aid/Scholarship_Information.aspx)). Students may visit one of the WKCTC computer centers listed below to complete an application.

- Anderson Computer Center, Anderson Technical Building, Room 225B
- Grisham Computer Center, Rosenthal Hall, Room 208

#### **How does a high school student submit transcripts and verification documentation?**

When applying online, all high school applicants will be instructed to print a Counselor's Verification Form. Students should print the form and deliver to their high school counselor for completion. The student should obtain an official seventh-semester transcript and a copy of their ACT scores. Schools using block scheduling should provide a transcript as of December 31. The student is responsible for delivering the Counselor Verification Form, official transcript and ACT report to the Scholarship Office by the application deadline. A scholarship application is not complete until this information is received.

#### **When should high school students take the ACT?**

The WKCTC Scholarship Office recommends taking the ACT no later than December.

To be considered for a merit scholarship at WKCTC, high school students must have an ACT score recorded on their scholarship application. High school applications without an ACT score will not be considered for automatic scholarships. No exceptions.

High school students applying for general and need-based scholarships are not required to submit an ACT score for consideration.

#### **What transcripts should be submitted with a student's scholarship application?**

High school students must submit an official seventh-semester transcript. Schools using block scheduling should provide a transcript as of December 31. It is the student's responsibility to submit all required transcripts with the scholarship application.

Transcripts for currently enrolled WKCTC students are obtained by the Scholarship Office.

#### **How many scholarships can a student receive?**

WKCTC awards scholarship funding up to 100% of tuition funding. This is in addition to any KEES or third party scholarships. Students are considered for all scholarship opportunities for which they are eligible based upon the information provided on the scholarship application.

#### **I have received numerous scholarship offers but am not sure where I will attend college. How should I complete WKCTC's acceptance letter?**

The WKCTC Scholarship Office recommends students accept scholarship offers. The WKCTC scholarship acceptance letter must be received by the stated deadline. Failure to return the scholarship acceptance letter will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. Forfeited scholarships will not be reinstated. No exceptions.

#### **Can students take a semester off and retain their scholarship?**

No. All WKCTC scholarships are offered on a consecutive-semester basis. Exceptions made for military service.

#### **How is a student's WKCTC scholarship paid?**

All WKCTC scholarships are paid directly to the student's college account. The student's tuition will be deferred by the semesterly amount of the scholarship. Any residual amount will be paid to the student by KCTCS toward the end of the semester.

#### **Will a representative from WKCTC attend our high school honors night?**

Yes. High school counselors are contacted by the Scholarship Office in April to schedule presentations.

#### **How does the WKCTC Scholarship Committee define financial need?**

The WKCTC Scholarship Committee considers the FAFSA calculated EFC (expected family contribution) as an indication of financial need. All students are encouraged to complete an FAFSA and submit a copy of the web confirmation page to the Scholarship Office by the application deadline.

#### **When are students notified about WKCTC scholarship awards?**

The WKCTC Scholarship Office mails notifications to all students by April 30.

**What is a third-party scholarship?**

A third-party scholarship is an award made directly to a student by a club or organization. WKCTC does not advertise or solicit applications for third-party scholarships.

**My club / organization wants to offer a third-party scholarship to a WKCTC student. Who do I contact about payment?**

Third-party scholarships are paid directly to the WKCTC Business Office. Contact Kathy McGregor at (270) 534-3160 for information.

**Who do I contact about establishing a new scholarship at WKCTC?**

Paducah Junior College, Inc. is the foundation of WKCTC and manages the college's scholarship program. Contact Becky Haus at (270) 534-3086.