Kentucky Humanitarian Assistance Scholarship Program



Workshop: Scholarship Operations

Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET (2:00-3:00 p.m. CT)

Agenda & Objectives

Speakers:

- ✤ Becky Gilpatrick, KHEAA
- Laura Wagner, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration

- Overview of the process with a timeline and key dates
- Funding processes and procedures
- Student enrollment scenarios
- Reporting
- Program evaluation
- Review of eligible students, including documentation
- Transcript evaluation resources
- Q&A

Upcoming Meetings

• Email "Hotline": <u>KYHASCoP@iie.org</u>

Date	Event
Friday, October 21 st	Monthly CoP: Recruitment Tactics & Networks
Friday, November 18 th	Monthly CoP: Topic TBD
Friday, December 16 th	Monthly CoP: Topic TBD
Friday, January 20 th	Monthly CoP: Topic TBD



Innovative Scholarship Pilot Program

KY Humanitarian Assistance Scholarship KY Scholarship Program for Cultural Exchange

October 2022

Program Timeline

Currently

 Institutions establishing internal processes, identifying and recruiting students, awarding scholarships, and requesting funds from KHEAA

February 1, 2023

- Deadline for institutions to submit first report to KHEAA
- Activity from July 2022 to December 31, 2022

April 2023

 KHEAA checks with institutions regarding estimated funding needs & identification of available allotment for 2023-24 year

June 2023

Allotment increases announced for 2023-24 year (if available)

August 15, 2023

Deadline for institutions to submit 2022-23 year-end report

Use of Funding

Each participating institution needs to decide how to allocate their available funding

Three options:

- KY Humanitarian Assistance Scholarship (KHAS) for displaced students
- 2. Recruitment and outreach
 - Up to 5% of total allocation
- 3. KY Scholarship Program for Cultural Exchange (KSPCE)
 - Up to 25% of total allocation



Use of Funding

Institutions should attempt to spend as much funding as possible within the amounts allocated to each category

Any funds remaining on July 1, 2024 must be returned to KHEAA

Example - \$1,000,000	Beginning	of Program	2022-2023 Year	2023-2024 Year	End of I	Program
allocation	Dollars Allocated	% Total Allocation	Dollars Spent	Dollars Spent	Total Spent	% Spent Allocation
Displaced student scholarships	\$ 700,000	70%	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000	50%
Recruitment/outreach for displaced students	\$ 50,000	5%	\$ 50,000	\$0	\$ 50,000	5%
Study abroad/international exchange	\$ 250,000	25%	\$ 250,000	\$0	\$ 250,000	25%

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Requesting Funds

Institutions should also decide how funds will be handled:

- Reimbursement Spend funds, credit student accounts, and then request funds from KHEAA
- Cash advance KHEAA advances funds, then institution awards scholarships and spends down the advance

To request a funding transfer from KHEAA, send an email to Becky Gilpatrick

- Email address is rgilpatrick@kheaa.com
- Institutions should have one (1) designated person to request funding
 - Preferably someone in the Office of Financial Aid
- Include the amount being requested (whole dollars only)

KHEAA will route IS pilot program funds to the same institutional account as other state grant and scholarship programs

A funding transfer notification will be emailed to existing EFT contacts



Allocation Check & Reallocation

In April 2023, KHEAA will touch base with institution's regarding their utilization of funds

- Estimate of total funding needs for 2022-23 year
- Institution decision to remain in the program for the 2023-24 year or return funds to KHEAA
- Projection of remaining funds continuing to 2023-24 year
- Option to request additional allotment for 2023-24 should funds become available

Allotment increases will be determined and announced to interested institutions in June 2023.

Student Funding Priority

Identifying and recruiting scholarship students

- Qualifying students who are currently enrolled at your institution
- New students

Prioritization of scholarship awards

- 1. Students who are KY residents or resettled in KY if a displaced student
 - Gives those already in KY a better chance of receiving aid
- 2. Students who meet displaced definition but were resettled in another area of the U.S.

Online vs. On Campus

Intent is to serve displaced persons with a physical, on-campus connection to a Kentucky institution

Regardless of funding priority, scholarships should be awarded to students who are attending classes in-person at a Kentucky campus

- It is okay for in-person students to have a course or two that is offered online
- Funds should not be awarded to students whose total enrollment is online

Eligible Terms & Year Two Scholarships

Scholarships can be awarded for any term as long as available funding exists – fall, winter, spring, or summer

Institutions have the flexibility to reserve funds from 2022-23 to provide scholarships to the same student(s) for 2023-24

Pilot program funding is set to end on June 30, 2024

- Funding availability beyond the 2023-24 year is not currently known
- Program data from 2022-23 activity will be shared with legislators
 - Next legislative session for biennial budget occurs spring 2024

New Permanent Residents

Guidance regarding students who gain permanent residency (green card) after the beginning of the term

If the student maintains continuous enrollment at the participating institution:

- The student remains eligible for KHAS funding
- KHAS is last dollar in
- Scholarship amount must be recalculated to include any other federal and state aid the student has gained with their permanent residency status
- Scholarship Amount = Cost of Attendance (federal and state aid)

If the student does not maintain continuous fall/spring enrollment, the student loses KHAS eligibility



Reporting

Reports will be submitted to KHEAA electronically; a template will be sent along with instructions for completion

- Due February 1, 2023 for period covering July 2022 through December 31, 2022
- Due August 15, 2023 for period covering July 2022 through June 30, 2023

The details to be reported are outlined on pages 2 & 3 of the participation agreement

- Student demographic data
- Scholarship calculation data (COA, breakdown of aid received)
- Certain academic information (program of study, credential pursued)
- Immigration data (eligible documentation type, country of origin)
- Study broad & cultural exchange data (institution name, location, begin and end dates)
- Additional information regarding support services offered, outreach, partnerships with other entities, student needs, institution's assessment of opportunities and challenges

Kentucky Humanitarian Assistance Scholarship Program, "displaced student" is defined as

A traditional or non-traditional aged student who arrived in the U.S. within five years and has not established U.S. citizenship as of July 1, 2022, is a foreign national who:

1. Received U.S. asylum -*asylee*

2. Submitted a U.S. asylum application-*asylum-seeker*

3. A resettled *refugee*

- 4. <u>Temporary Protected Status</u>-**TPS**
 - 5. Humanitarian parole -*parolee*
 - 6. Special Immigrant Visa -*SIV*

Acceptable forms of documentation include:



→ Foreign passport with CBP PAROLED stamp and/or parole COA notation; EAD with C11 parolee category; Electronic Form I-94 with OAR, PAR or DT COA;





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Acceptable forms of documentation include:

- → <u>Permanent resident card</u>, Form I-551;
- → Receipt of asylum applications, Form I-589;
- → Form I-94 with a stamp or notation of "asylum granted indefinitely" or with an admission class of "AY"; and, USCIS Approval Letter.

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- 2. WES Gateway Program <u>https://www.wes.org/partners/global-talent-bridge/about-the-wes-gateway-program/</u>
- 3. DuoLingo English Test https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants
- 4. Educational Records Evaluation Services (ERES) https://www.eres.com/services/for-education/higher-education

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