3. Financial Aid Eligibility Confirmation

Using information reported on the FAFSA, the U.S. Department of Education performs data exchange with federal agencies to confirm that students meet the following Title IV eligibility requirements:

- Social Security Number and U.S. Citizenship Status with the Social Security Administration
- Selective Service registration with the Selective Service System, if required
- Eligible non-citizenship status with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Veteran Status with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
- Default, disability discharge, bankruptcy, aggregate loan history statuses for federal student loans, overpayment status for federal student grants, and Pell Grant life-time usage with NSLDS.

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships must also review the following additional eligibility requirements:

- Admission Status
- Program of Study
- Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Enrollment Status
- Academic Level
- Dependency Status
- Marital Status
- Identity
- Unusual Enrollment Patterns

Any discrepant eligibility item must be resolved before the student can be awarded financial aid.

4. Federal Student Aid Verification

Verification is the process of documenting the accuracy of the information provided on the FAFSA, such as:

- Adjusted gross income (AGI)
- U.S. income tax paid
- Education credits
- Untaxed IRA distributions
- Untaxed pensions
- IRA deductions and payments
- Tax exempt interest
- Income earned from work
- Household size
- Number in college
- High school completion status
- Identify/statement of educational purpose

Typically, thirty percent of FAFSA filers are selected for verification each academic year.

Students who are selected will receive notification from Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) with instructions on how to
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proceed with the verification process. KHEAA must receive all requested documentation through the KHEAA portal at www.khea.com.

Verification must be completed before the student’s financial aid can be disbursed to the student’s account. If there are differences between FAFSA data and the verification documentation, corrections to the student’s FAFSA will be required, which sometimes alter student’s eligibility for financial aid. Students are notified by email and directed to review their revised financial aid awards in the myUK portal when changes in eligibility occur.

Student responsibilities are to:

- Maintain copies of the information used to file the FAFSA and of documents submitted to KHEAA and/or the UK Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Submit all verification documents requested promptly to KHEAA, ensuring all documents are signed and complete

It is extremely important students respond to requests for verification documentation promptly to prevent any delays with financial aid processing and disbursement. To ensure that financial aid funds disburse as scheduled at the start of the fall semester, students must be registered for classes and have submitted all verification documents to KHEAA by July 15, 2020.

The deadline for submission of verification documents is 30 days prior to the end of the academic year/period for which the student is enrolled. This designated deadline allows the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships to process and authorize disbursement within the timeframe permitted by regulations. The deadline for students to submit verification documentation may be extended on a case-by-case basis and will be processed to the extent that is administratively feasible and within Title IV guidelines.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Financial Aid

Federal regulations mandate that all students be required to make measurable progress toward a degree in order to receive financial assistance through Title IV (federal) and state financial aid grant, loan and work programs. The University of Kentucky has adopted the following standards of satisfactory academic progress in order to comply with this federal requirement. Satisfactory academic progress will be evaluated once each year at the end of the spring semester.

Criteria for Meeting the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress:

Minimum Credit Hour Completion Ratio

All undergraduate students are required to complete at least two-thirds (66.67%) of all cumulative credits attempted as expressed by the number of cumulative hours successfully completed divided by the number of cumulative hours attempted.

* Credit Hours Attempted includes all hours for which a student is registered as of the end of the add/drop period during. Transfer credits hours that will be applied toward a student’s degree at the University of Kentucky will be counted toward the maximum number of attempted hours in the completion ratio calculation.

** Credit Hours Earned would be grades of A, B, C, D, or pass; unearned credit would be grades of E, F, W, XE, XF, Z, or Incomplete.

*** Hours for courses with grades of ‘incomplete’ (I or Z) will counted as hours attempted, but not be counted as hours earned.

Cumulative Grade-Point Average

In addition to the ‘minimum credit hour completion ratio’ requirement, all financial aid students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) that is consistent with the institution’s requirements for graduation. Specifically, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to be eligible for student financial aid. A graduate student must earn a at least 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Note: For financial aid purposes GPA calculations are based only on hours attempted at the University of Kentucky, and, by Federal regulation, will include any grades removed from the UK GPA by academic bankruptcy.

Maximum Time Financial Aid May Be Received

Each student has a maximum time frame during which they can receive financial aid. To remain eligible for financial aid at the University of Kentucky, students must complete their degree program requirements within 150 percent of the published length of their degree program. All attempted hours are counted including transfer credit hours in the maximum calculation timeframe, regardless whether financial aid funds were received, or the coursework was successfully completed.

Note: The maximum time frame requirement may be adjusted for students pursuing a second undergraduate or graduate degree. However, before this occurs, the student will be required to file an appeal to document this situation. Generally, students will be allowed to attempt up to 150% of the additional credit hours required to earn the second degree.

Failure to Complete Enrolled Courses

A student who enrolls at the University of Kentucky and fails to earn any credit for two consecutive terms, i.e., receives a 0.0 term GPA, or withdraws from all courses two consecutive terms (i.e., fall and spring semesters) is not eligible for future financial aid without an approved Satisfactory Academic Progress appeal.

Special Grading Options and Situations

1. Repeat Courses taken during the year will automatically be considered in the following Spring review for progress. Note that a repeat option replaces only the credit hours earned for GPA calculation; all attempts at a course are calculated in total hours attempted and in the completion ratio calculation.

2. Academic Bankruptcy will delete an early academic record from the University of Kentucky GPA but does not remove the attempted hours from the total cumulative hours, from the completion ratio calculation, nor from the grade point average calculation.

3. Audited classes, credits earned through CLEP testing, or non-credit courses are not considered in determining satisfactory academic progress.

4. Hours earned on a ‘pass-fail’ basis or hours paid through a consortium agreement and accepted by the University of Kentucky will be used in determining satisfactory academic progress.

5. Credits assigned to developmental (remedial) courses will be counted in calculating hours attempted; however, these courses are not used in calculating the GPA.

Re-establishing Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students who have failed to meet one or more of the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements are not eligible for financial aid; however, eligibility may be regained if the student subsequently successfully completes coursework that enables the student to meet the SAP standards.
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Right of Appeal

Federal regulations allow for certain situations in which the Office of Student Financial Aid may waive the standards. Appeals will be considered if a student’s failure to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards is due to extenuating circumstances beyond his or her control, which have since been resolved, and which will not affect future academic performance. Detailed information about the appeal process and deadlines for submission can be found at www.uky.edu/financialaid/sap and will be included in the student’s written notification of failure to maintain satisfactory progress.

Transfer Credits

As stated above, transfer credit hours that will be applied toward a student’s degree at a University of Kentucky will be counted (a) toward the maximum number of attempted hours allowed to be eligible for financial aid (i.e., usually 180 credit hours for undergraduate students) and (b) in the credit hour completion ratio. Transfer hours are not counted in the calculation of a student’s UK GPA.

Evaluation of Financial Aid Eligibility

Satisfactory Academic Progress is evaluated once each year at the end of the spring semester. At that point, a student’s entire academic history at the University will be subject to the above quantitative and qualitative standards, regardless whether the student received financial aid.

Currently enrolled students with a FAFSA record who do not meet the Standards of Academic Progress will be notified by email and furnished a copy of the Satisfactory Academic Progress Statement. Other students who do not meet the Standards of Academic Progress will be notified by email. The student may make a written appeal or re-establish his or her eligibility by attending UK at his or her own expense to make up for any deficits. It is the student’s responsibility to monitor his/her academic progress and to be aware of the requirements of his/her program, so that the degree can be completed within the time allowed by Federal regulations.

Summer School

Any credit hours earned during the summer sessions will be included in the annual evaluation made at the end of the following spring term.

Enrollment Status

Enrollment Classification

Each type of financial aid (program) has specific enrollment status requirements. Enrollment for undergraduate students is defined as follows:

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Students may enroll part-time or full-time to qualify for Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, and Federal Work-Study. To receive a Federal Direct Loan, students must be enrolled at least half time. Most scholarships and state aid programs require full-time enrollment.

Academic Level Classification

Some financial aid programs have specific criteria based on academic grade level. According to academic policy, the following criteria are used to define the student’s academic level:

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Dual Enrollment and Study Abroad

University of Kentucky students who plan to enroll at another college or university simultaneously may have their enrollment elsewhere considered for financial aid eligibility.

Students may not receive federal financial aid at more than one institution of higher education for the same payment period. However, UK students may have their enrollment elsewhere considered to determine financial aid eligibility. To be considered for financial aid at UK as a dually enrolled student, a consortium agreement must be completed by the student and approved by the student’s academic advisor, the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships and the other institution.

Types of Financial Aid Available

Financial aid is funding for college education that comes from sources outside of the student’s family. Gift aid and self-help aid are the two categories of financial aid. Gift aid comes in the form of grants and scholarships and usually does not have to be repaid. Self-help aid comes in the form of loans and work-study. Financial aid at the University of Kentucky is awarded based on financial need, merit, or both. Students may receive a combination of grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study in their Financial Aid Package. Sources of funding come from the University of Kentucky, the federal government, the state and other entities. The types of financial aid programs listed below are available to students:

Scholarships – www.uky.edu/financialaid/scholarships

Need-based Assistance – www.uky.edu/financialaid/need-base-assistance

Loans – www.uky.edu/financialaid/loans

Notification and Disbursement of Awards

1. Checking Financial Aid Records

Students may access their financial aid records by logging on to myUK, which is the student’s campus web portal used to provide students with easy online access to their records.

2. Understanding Financial Aid Awards & Requirements

Online financial aid notification via myUK is the official method by which students receive information regarding their financial aid application and awards. Email is the primary means of communication between students and the University of Kentucky Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship. It is the student’s responsibility to monitor email communications from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships as well as from other university offices. Failure to read and respond to email communications from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships may result in delay or cancellation of financial aid awards.
3. Disbursement of Financial Aid (Crediting of funds to the Student Account)

The earliest financial aid may credit to a student’s billing account is 10 days before the student’s classes for the semester begin. However, financial aid will not credit to the student’s account unless all eligibility requirements have been met and verification has been completed, if selected. In addition, if the student is taking out a student loan, the student must have completed entrance loan counseling and completed a master promissory note for the respective loan program. Estimated financial aid on the Student Bill is a temporary status and is used for financial planning purposes only. Estimated financial aid allows the Student Account Services Office to defer payment of student’s tuition, fees, housing and meal payments until the financial aid is finalized and credited to the account. Students are responsible for making payment for the difference between the billed charges and financial aid awards by the designated due dates established by the University. Financial aid awards are not final until they have credited to the student’s account.

4. UK Student Account Services Installment Payment Plan

Under the UK Student Account Services Payment Plan, students may select to make four payments of their outstanding charges any applicable financial aid has been applied. For more information, visit https://www.uky.edu/studentaccount/content/ installment-payment-plan.

5. Refunds Due to a Financial Aid Credit Balance

When financial aid for the semester/term exceeds a student’s direct charges (tuition, fees, etc.) on the student bill, the student is entitled to a refund for the difference for use toward other educational expenses. The Student Account Services Office issues refunds to students beginning the first day of classes. Only those students whose financial aid was credited 10 days prior to the semester/term with a credit balance will receive a refund on the first day of the semester/term. Following the first day of the semester/term, it takes approximately one week after financial aid is disbursed for the Student Account Services Office to issue a financial aid refund to a student. Visit https://www.uky.edu/studentaccount/refund.htm for more information on financial aid refunds.

Impact on Financial Aid Due to Withdrawal or Failure to Enroll

Students could jeopardize receipt of some types of aid if they are not properly enrolled at the time that financial aid funds disburse. Students may have originally been packaged as a full-time student, but at the time the funds are ready to disburse, students’ enrollment status may differ. Students’ change in enrollment may affect the eligibility for certain funds. If a student does not attend for a period of enrollment in which the student was awarded financial aid, the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships must cancel all financial aid awards offered. Upon re-enrollment, the student may request assistance again, but, because awards are based on the availability of funds, funding may be limited.

Students who plan to withdraw from any courses during an academic term should consult with the Financial Aid Withdrawal Counselor. Withdrawing from courses may prevent students from making Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress. This may affect students’ financial aid eligibility in the future.

Total withdrawal from the University is defined as dropping/withdrawing from all classes for which a student is registered. When students withdraw from all courses on or before completing 60% of an academic term, the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships is required to review the student’s financial aid awards to determine whether financial aid funds must be adjusted in accordance with federal and state regulations.

Treatment of Title IV (Federal) Aid for Total Withdrawal

The federal policy for return of Title IV funds maintains that a student retains only that portion of federal aid that the student has earned based on time in attendance before withdrawal. The percentage of time that the student attended an academic term determines the amount of federal aid that must be returned to the federal government. This federally mandated policy is independent of UK institutional refund policy due to withdrawal.

The University of Kentucky, as required by federal statute, must recalculate federal financial aid eligibility for students who drop out, who withdraw, or who are dismissed, prior to completing 60% of the semester or the financial aid payment period. When the student ceases to be enrolled prior to completing 60% of the semester or financial aid payment period, the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships applies the Federal Return of Title IV funds formula to determine whether any federal financial aid must be returned.

This percentage is equal to the number of calendar days remaining in the semester divided by the total number of calendar days in the semester. Scheduled breaks of more than five consecutive days are excluded from this calculation. The Federal Return of Title IV formula is calculated as follows:

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\text{Percentage of aid earned} = \frac{\text{number of calendar days completed in the semester}}{\text{total number of calendar days in the semester}}
\]

This formula determines the percentage of the semester completed, which is the same percentage of earned financial aid. Funds are returned to the appropriate federal program based on the percentage of unearned aid using the following formula:

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\text{Percentage of aid to be returned} = 1 - \frac{\text{number of calendar days remaining in the semester}}{\text{total number of calendar days in the semester}}
\]

Federal student aid refunds are returned to the following Title IV sources in the following order:

1. Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan
2. Subsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan
3. Graduate Federal Direct PLUS Loan
4. Parent Federal Direct PLUS Loan
5. Federal Pell Grant
6. Federal SEOG Grant
7. Federal TEACH Grant
8. Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant

Funds are not required to be returned to the Federal Work-Study Program. Worksheets used to determine the amount of refund or Return of Title IV aid are available upon request from the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Post Withdrawal Disbursement (PWD) of Title IV Aid:

The financial aid office determines if a student is eligible to receive Title IV funds that were awarded but not yet disbursed to the student at the time of his/her withdrawal from school. Any PWD will first apply to a student’s outstanding university charges (if any). Grant PWD do not require an authorization from the student. Before any loan funds are...
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applied to a student’s outstanding university charges, the student (or parent) will be notified of the award type, amount of the PWD, any residual balance created by the PWD and given the opportunity to cancel all or part of the loan amount offered. The student/parent must respond within 30 days of the date of the notice. No loan PWD will released without confirmation. The residual balance of the accepted amount of any remaining PWD will be sent directly to the student (or to the parent if designated as such on the parent PLUS).

Students Aid Recipients Receiving ALL E Grades:
Any financial aid recipient receiving all E grades for a semester is subject to Return to Title IV regulations. This is referred to as an “unofficial withdrawal.” Aid must be refunded assuming withdrawal at the midpoint (50 per cent point) of the semester. This must be done no later than 45 days after the school determines the student “unofficially” withdrew. Within these 45 days, instructors are asked to attest to the student’s class participation for any date beyond the midpoint. Documentation must be submitted by the deadline date specified by SFA. Late documentation will be considered within the fiscal year. Documentation of attendance beyond the 60 per cent point of the term, requires no reduction to financial aid.

Retroactive Withdrawals:
Any Title IV financial aid recipient who retroactively withdraws from all classes for a semester is subject to Return to Title IV regulations. The withdrawal date used to calculate return to Title IV will be the earlier of either the date the student initiated the retroactive withdrawal process or provided notification of his or her intent to withdraw. There is an exception for cases where the student never attended any classes. All Title IV aid must be returned for a student who did not attend any classes. A student for whom a Return to Title IV calculation has been completed previously will not be recalculated unless an error was made in the initial calculation.

Treatment of Kentucky Higher Education Assistance (KHEAA) Aid for Total Withdrawal
Pursuant to 11 KAR 5:170 the University will refund KHEAA grant programs after Return to Title IV regulations have been satisfied and a credit balance remains on the student’s account. KHEAA grant programs will be refunded in the following order:

1. CAP Grant
2. Kentucky Tuition Grant (not awarded at UK)
3. Go Higher Grant
4. Teacher Scholarship
5. Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)
6. Kentucky Coal County College Completion Scholarship
7. National Guard Tuition Assistance, and
8. Early Childhood Development Scholarship

Treatment of Institutional and External Aid for Total Withdrawal
In order to process credits consistently the return of funds is prioritized. Credit balances will be returned to units, departments and outside donors in the following order:

1. Academic Scholarships through the Academic Scholarship Office
2. Restricted types of aid that are not on the restricted aid list: Donovan, tuition waivers, etc.
3. Departmental Scholarships – when scholarships from more than one department are involved and the refund amount will not fully refund each scholarship, then the refund is pro-rated between the scholarships according to the percentage each scholarship is to the total of the departmental scholarships involved.
4. Outside Scholarships are those made by donors external to the University – SFA External Scholarship Coordinator is notified of credit balance. SFA External Scholarship Coordinator will determine appropriate action.

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FEDERAL WORK-STUDY
The Federal Work-Study Program (FWS) provides students with part-time employment to help meet college costs and, if possible, provide work experience related to their field of study. FWS is federally funded and need-based. Eligibility is determined from information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

A variety of FWS positions are available. Virtually every college and department uses FWS in some capacity. Positions are available in libraries, laboratories, student services and academic departments, the Singletary Center and the Johnson Center. Off-campus jobs with non-profit agencies provide opportunities to work directly with the community.

Earnings
Earnings through FWS vary with the amount of the FWS award, the pay rate, and the hours worked. Salaries start at $8.25 per hour and range upward according to grade level and whether work is on or off campus. Most students work ten to twenty hours per week. Employers usually prefer students to work three or more consecutive hours depending on their class schedules. FWS pay is received via direct deposit every two weeks according to the number of hours worked and submitted to the FWS Office. FWS earnings do not directly credit a student’s billing statement for University charges.

The Office of Academic Scholarships also offers special first-time incoming freshmen academic scholarships to National Merit/Hispanic Scholar Finalists, Kentucky Governor’s Scholars, Kentucky Governor’s School for the Arts, and Kentucky Governor’s School for Entrepreneurs. For more information, please visit our website or see our contact information below.

Currently enrolled UK students, not already receiving a four-year academic scholarship, who have demonstrated high academic achievement, may apply for an Academic Excellence Scholarship. Applications are available online during the spring semester and awards are made for the upcoming school year. Students must be full-time and achieve a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA to apply. Awards are competitive and the deadline to apply is in May.

Transfer students currently enrolled full-time at an accredited institution who will be transferring to the UK main campus for the fall semester may
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be considered for academic scholarships. To be eligible, applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 semester hours and have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Students must be admitted to UK and have a final spring transcript on file with the Office of Undergraduate Admission by June 15. For more information and to view scholarships offered, please visit our website: www.uky.edu/financialaid/scholarships.

Many academic departments and colleges have funds of their own that are granted to deserving students. For more information, check with the individual college or department of interest.

For more information concerning scholarships, contact:

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email: academicsscholar@lsv.uky.edu
www.uky.edu/financialaid/scholarships

William C. Parker Scholarship Program

The University of Kentucky has a mission and commitment to aggressively recruit and retain students from all segments of society, including African American, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander, Hispanic, and Alaskan Native students. Factors which are considered in the holistic evaluation of William C. Parker scholarship applications include test scores, grades, an essay, leadership experience, extracurricular activities, awards and recognition, community service and contribution to diversity.

The William C. Parker Scholarship Program is available for incoming freshmen, transfer, and continuing students. Students may receive only one award through the William C. Parker Scholarship Program.

For more information concerning the William C. Parker Scholarship Program, contact:

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William C. Parker Scholarship Program
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LEGACY TUITION PROGRAM

The University of Kentucky offers partial tuition awards to eligible non-resident undergraduate children of UK graduates. An eligible student is defined as a child whose mother, father, or step-parent has earned a bachelor, graduate, doctorate, or professional degree from the University of Kentucky, whose parent or step-parent is a life member of the UK Alumni Association, and who would normally be subject to non-resident tuition rates. New first-time freshmen will be eligible for the Legacy Tuition Program for a total of eight semesters. Transfer students are eligible through the equivalent of their eighth semester of undergraduate study. Semesters of prior college enrollment at other institutions are considered in the total eight semesters. Automatic renewal each semester is contingent upon the student’s full-time enrollment on the UK main campus while maintaining a good academic standing and the qualifying parent’s life membership in the UK Alumni Association. Eligibility for continued enrollment in the program will be verified each semester. Students are required to complete the Legacy Tuition Program application in order to receive the benefits.

Students who participate in cooperative education programs or who participate in Study Abroad programs should contact the Office of Academic Scholarships for information regarding eligibility during these semesters. Student athletes should contact the Athletics Office to ensure compliance with NCAA regulations.

Application Deadlines

Fall - March 1
Spring - December 1

For more information, contact:

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HUMAN RESOURCES STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Human Resources Student Employment is a free referral service for UK students who are seeking part-time employment during the school year and part-time or full-time employment during academic breaks. Both on-campus and off-campus jobs in various fields with assorted required skills, pay rates, and flexible schedules are usually available.

To be considered for jobs available through HR Student Employment, UK students first create an application on the https://ukjobs.uky.edu/ website. Next, UK students can search the website for available jobs and submit their application for the positions they are interested in. After submitting an application, students who meet the minimum qualifications for that specific ob posting will receive an email with instructions to visit Scovell Hall for a screening interview and possible referral. Casual, walk-in interviews are conducted Monday through Friday between 12:30 P.M. and 4 P.M. or by appointment.

Students can access additional information at the HR Student Employment website at: www.uky.edu/HR/studentjobs/. Feel free to call us at 859-257-9554.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Herman L. Donovan Scholarship for Adults 65+

The Donovan Scholarship, named in honor of the late Herman L. Donovan, University President from 1941-1956, is a tuition waiver program for adults, 65 years and older, taking academic courses at the University of Kentucky. The tuition waiver is available for courses held on campus and limited availability for UK online classes. Donovan Scholars may audit courses for the joy of learning (exams, papers or other assignments are typically not required), take courses for credit without working toward a degree, or take classes for credit as a degree-seeking candidate. There is no previous educational requirement for Donovan Scholars auditing an undergraduate class (not seeking a degree). When working toward a degree, UK Admissions criteria must be met.

For more information, contact Robin Klevin at 859-257-2657; or email: robin.klevin@uky.edu.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UK, Lexington and Morehead

The OLLI at UK offers intellectual, social, and cultural programs for adults aged 50 years and older which characterize the university setting. Educational, enrichment, and experiential learning opportunities are
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offered at our locations in Lexington and Morehead. Programs are held in community locations and are offered in a variety of formats including: weekly courses, presentation series, trips, events, interest groups and more. Courses are taught in: history and government, culture and travel, languages, literature and writing, health and wellness, science and environment, and the visual and performing arts. The annual membership fee is $35; course fees vary.

For more information, contact the OLLI at UK at 859-257-2656; toll free at 866-602-5862; or email: Teresa.Hager@uky.edu.

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Oswald Research and Creativity Program
The Oswald Research and Creativity Program began in 1964 with the express purpose of encouraging research and creative activities by undergraduate students at UK. The objectives of the program are: (1) to stimulate creative work by undergraduate students, and (2) to recognize individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement. This recognition emphasizes the importance the University places upon academic excellence.

The program has categories in Biological Sciences, Design (including but not limited to, architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design), Fine Arts, Humanities/ Creative, Humanities/Critical Research, Physical and Engineering Sciences, and Social Sciences. In the science categories and the Humanities/Critical Research category, students generally submit research papers done for class or as an independent research project. For the Humanities/Creative category, students submit short stories, original plays, or poetry. The Fine Arts category is appropriate for musical compositions, paintings, sculpture, videos/films, or photographic essays. Up to 21 works of art, creative compositions, and serious research papers are recognized by the program each year. This competition is unique to the University and provides an excellent opportunity for undergraduates to test their skills and to see their academic work in a serious, professional light.

Awards are given in each category: $350 for first, $200 for second place, and an Honorable Mention certificate. Any undergraduate (full- or part-time, enrolled for either semester in the current academic year) who does not already have a baccalaureate degree is eligible to enter.

For information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research, 211 Funkhouser Building, 859-257-0049; or visit us at: www.uky.edu/academicenrichment/undergraduate-research.

Undergraduate Summer Research and Creativity Fellowships
One of the strengths of research institutions like the University of Kentucky is the opportunity they provide for undergraduates to be involved in research and creative projects. Engagement in educational activities outside the classroom is a key element in the learning process. Faculty members in many fields welcome the opportunity to share their expertise and assist students with research projects. Each year, the Office of Undergraduate Research supports numerous independent research and creativity projects. Awardees range from $2,500 to $5,000 and support these activities during the summer months. Awards are given out at the end of the spring semester. Undergraduate students in all academic areas are eligible to compete for these fellowships.

For information and applications, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research, 211 Funkhouser Building, 859-257-0049; or visit us at: www.uky.edu/academicenrichment/undergraduate-research.

Other Awards Programs
Many academic departments at UK give special awards and prizes to students each year. Generally, special awards are cash prizes and are given on the basis of academic achievement or outstanding scholarship. To learn more about student support activities, please visit us at: www.uky.edu/academicenrichment/undergraduate-research.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Benefits for Veterans and Eligible Dependents
Federal and state benefit programs for veterans and eligible dependents are coordinated through the Veteran Resource Center, located in Room 2 Erikson Hall. Veterans or eligible dependents should contact the Veteran Resource Center during priority registration or on the Orientation date to request information on how to apply for VA benefits.

Students who have already been approved for federal or state benefit programs should bring their Certificate of Eligibility from the VA. Students who depend on these benefits to meet their living expenses should bring enough money to cover expenses for at least eight weeks while the first benefit check is processed.

For further information on VA educational benefit programs, contact the St. Louis VA Regional Office at 888-442-4551.

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Tuition Waiver Program
Under the provisions of KRS 164.505, 164.507, and 164.515 certain children and spouses of Kentucky veterans are eligible for tuition assistance from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All persons eligible under this program must contact the VA Certifying Official in Room 2 Erikson Hall, 859-257-1148, for instructions on how to apply for VA tuition waiver applied to their account.

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ROTC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Air Force ROTC Scholarships
The types of financial assistance available through Air Force ROTC are briefly described below. For further details on eligibility and requirements, see the Department of Aerospace Studies, 203 Barker Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 40506-0028, 859-257-7115; or visit https://afrotc.as.uky.edu/ for more information. Additional information is also listed in this Bulletin under Aerospace Studies.

High School Scholarship Program (HSSP). Scholarships are available to those qualified and selected students who enroll in the Air Force ROTC program. These scholarships cover tuition and laboratory fees, provide an allowance for books, and provide a graduated nontaxable subsistence allowance ranging from $300 to $500 per month. Qualified high school students can apply for four-year Air Force ROTC scholarships. Applicants for four-year scholarships are evaluated on the basis of the following criteria: a composite score on the ACT, or a composite score on the SAT; the applicant’s high school academic record; class ranking; extracurricular and athletic activities; personal interview; and ability to qualify on an Air Force medical examination. High school students who meet the basic eligibility requirements for a four-year scholarship must submit an application anytime between June 1 and December 1 of the
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Length of scholarship, application deadline, and where to apply:

1. Scholarship applications are accepted year-round. The address to request or submit an application is: Professor of Military Science, ATTN: Recruiting Operations Officer, U.S. Army ROTC, 101B Barker Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0028; or call 859-257-6865.

2. Four-year scholarships: Application deadline is February 4 of a student’s high school senior year. High school seniors are eligible to apply as early as June 15.

   Apply at: www.goarmy.com/rotc. All applicants are evaluated by a board that considers the following criteria: ACT/SAT scores, high school academic record, extracurricular and/or athletic activities, and Professor of Military Science interview.

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Basic Camp and Advanced Camp

These camps are fully funded and resourced, immersive leadership training experiences lasting approximately four to five weeks.

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