

164.7884 Eligibility of student in registered apprenticeship program or qualified workforce training program for Kentucky educational excellence scholarship.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Academic year" means July 1 through June 30 of each year;
 - (b) "Apprentice" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010;
 - (c) "Eligible student" means an eligible high school student who has graduated from high school or a student eligible under KRS 164.7879(3)(e);
 - (d) "Qualified workforce training program" means a program that is in one (1) of Kentucky's top five (5) high-demand work sectors as determined by the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board;
 - (e) "Registered apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship program that:
 1. Is established in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 343;
 2. Requires a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours of on-the-job work experience;
 3. Requires a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) hours of related instruction for each year of the apprenticeship; and
 4. Is approved by the Education and Labor Cabinet;
 - (f) "Related instruction" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010; and
 - (g) "Sponsor" has the same meaning as in KRS 343.010.
- (2) Notwithstanding KRS 164.7881, an eligible student who earned a KEES award shall be eligible for a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship if the student meets the requirements of this section and is:
 - (a) An apprentice in a registered apprenticeship program; or
 - (b) Enrolled in a qualified workforce training program that has a current articulation agreement for postsecondary credit hours with a participating institution.
- (3)
 - (a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, an eligible student enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program or, for the academic year beginning July 1, 2020, an eligible student enrolled in a qualified workforce training program may receive reimbursement of tuition, books, required tools, and other approved expenses required for participation in the program, upon certification by the sponsor and approval by the authority.
 - (b) The reimbursement amount an eligible student may receive in an academic year shall not exceed the student's KEES award maximum.
 - (c) The total reimbursement amount an eligible student may receive under this section shall not exceed the student's KEES award maximum multiplied by four (4).
- (4) Eligibility for a KEES scholarship under this section shall terminate upon the earlier of:

- (a) The expiration of five (5) years following the eligible student's graduation from high school or receiving a High School Equivalency Diploma, except as provided in KRS 164.7881(5); or
 - (b) The eligible student's successful completion of the registered apprenticeship program or qualified workforce training program.
- (5) The authority shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the procedures for making awards under this section in consultation with the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet and the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet.

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