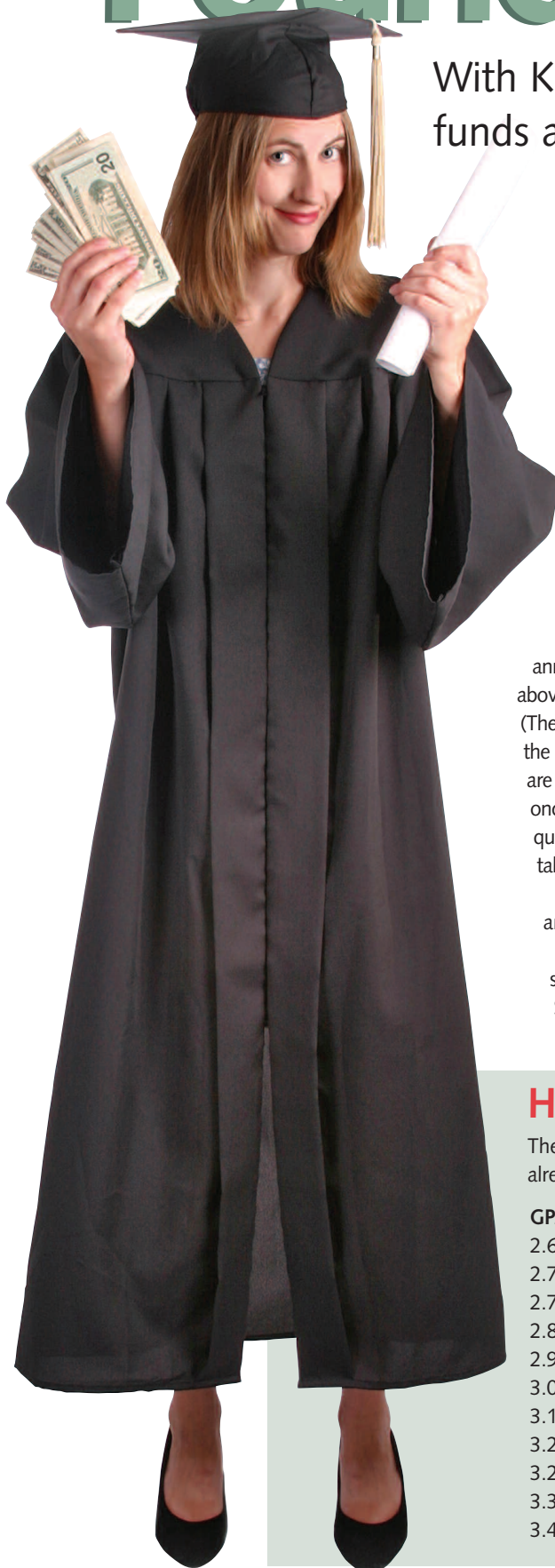


Found Money!

With KEES, you may have college funds already waiting for you

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Do you have a GPA of 2.5 or higher? Are you planning on going to a college or technical school in Kentucky? If so, you're already earning money toward college and may not even realize it.

The Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) rewards students who get the most out of high school. To receive the

KEES money, students must have an annual 2.5 GPA or higher and a 15 or above ACT score or an SAT equivalent. (The ACT/SAT bonus money is based on the highest score you achieve, so you are allowed to take the tests more than once. Just remember that in order to qualify for the bonus money, you must take the test before you graduate.)

The base amounts and bonus amounts are listed below.

KEES is a renewable scholarship. This means if you received \$300 dollars for your GPA and

\$250 for your ACT score you would receive \$550 *each year* or \$2,200 throughout your four years of college.

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) mails a letter to each student eligible for KEES money, stating how much they earned that semester. The institution you attend after high school will report your enrollment status to KHEAA. Then KHEAA will send your KEES money directly to the college. The college will then credit your account or give you a check if your account is paid in full.

It's that simple. No application process necessary. KHEAA will notify you of the money you earned for a job well done.

However, you must keep your grades up in college. If you earn a 3.0 or higher, your full scholarship is maintained. If you receive a 2.5-2.9 GPA, your KEES money is reduced by half. If you drop below a 2.5, the scholarship is lost for the next term. The KEES money can be regained whenever your GPA reaches 2.5 again.

For more information on KEES, talk to your guidance counselor or log on to <http://www.kheaa.com/keeshome.html>. ■

How Your KEES Money Adds Up

The chart below outlines how much money in KEES scholarships you are already earning while you're in high school:

GPA	Amount Earned	ACT Score	Bonus
2.60	\$150	3.50	375
2.70	175	3.60	400
2.75	187	3.70	425
2.80	200	3.75	437
2.90	225	3.80	450
3.00	250	3.90	475
3.10	275	4.00	500
3.20	300		
3.25	312	ACT Score	Bonus
3.30	325	15	\$36
3.40	350	16	71
		17	107
		18	143
		19	179
		20	214
		21	250
		22	286
		23	321
		24	357
		25	393
		26	428
		27	464
		28 and above	500