

KENTUCKY POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2026 ENACTED BUDGET TO THE HB 500 FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED APRIL 1, AND AVAILABLE AT LEGISLATURE.KY.GOV
SHOWING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

POSTSECONDARY LINE ITEM GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	FY 2026 HB 6	FY 2026 Debt Service	FY 2026 Adjusted (Enacted minus Debt Service)	FY 2027 HB 500 FCCR	FY 2028 HB 500 FCCR	Change from FY 2026 Adjusted to FY 2027	Additional Change from 2027 to FY 2028
Council on Postsecondary Education	\$17.9	\$0	\$17.9	\$14.2	\$17.7	-\$3.7	\$3.5
Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority	\$393.4	\$0	\$393.4	\$384.7	\$384.5	-\$8.7	-\$0.2
Eastern	\$84.6	\$7.9	\$76.8	\$80.2	\$73.8	\$3.5	-\$6.4
Kentucky State	\$35.3	\$3.8	\$31.4	\$32.2	\$30.2	\$0.7	-\$2.0
Morehead	\$56.4	\$9.5	\$46.8	\$46.4	\$46.9	-\$0.5	\$0.5
Murray	\$56.2	\$5.9	\$50.3	\$49.5	\$49.5	-\$0.8	\$0.0
Northern	\$66.0	\$9.8	\$56.2	\$56.5	\$57.2	\$0.3	\$0.7
University of Kentucky	\$321.4	\$23.5	\$297.8	\$292.5	\$287.2	-\$5.4	-\$5.3
University of Louisville	\$162.3	\$25.1	\$137.2	\$135.6	\$133.2	-\$1.6	-\$2.4
Western	\$100.1	\$16.3	\$83.8	\$80.1	\$79.2	-\$3.7	-\$0.9
KCTCS*	\$196.8	\$11.5	\$185.4	\$179.4	\$176.1	-\$5.9	-\$3.3
Postsecondary Education Performance Fund*	\$115.0	\$0.0	\$115.0	\$115.0	\$115.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
TOTAL	\$1,605.4	\$113.3	\$1,492.1	\$1,466.3	\$1,450.6	-\$25.8	-\$15.7

*KCTCS Note

The KCTCS Board of Regents requested increases of \$9.5 million for FY 2027 and \$40 million for FY 2028, seeking totals of \$206.3 and \$236.8 million for those years. The Prichard Committee actively supports the KCTCS request. The Free Conference Committee Report reduces KCTCS funding in each fiscal year.

*Performance Funding Note

The Council on Postsecondary Education requested performance funding increases of \$30 million for FY 2027 and \$45 million for FY 2028, seeking totals of \$145 million and \$160 million for those years. The Prichard Committee actively supports the CPE request. The Free Conference Committee Report provides no increase in funding for CPE performance funding for FY 2027 or FY 2028.

GENERAL FUND LINE ITEM DETAIL ON FINANCIAL AID THROUGH THE KENTUCKY HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

	FY 2026 HB 6	FY 2027 HB 500 FCCR	FY 2028 HB 500 FCCR	2026 to 2027 Change	Additional 2027 to 2028 Change
College Access Program	\$179.3	\$179.3	\$179.3	\$0.0	\$0.0
Kentucky Tuition Grant Program	\$46.0	\$46.0	\$46.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Kentucky National Guard Tuition Award Program	\$7.4	\$7.4	\$7.4	\$0.0	\$0.0
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$90.6	\$93.7	\$93.7	\$3.1	\$0.0
Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program	\$20.0	\$12.0	\$12.0	-\$8.0	\$0.0
Dual Credit Scholarship Program*	\$13.2	\$21.1	\$21.1	\$8.0	\$0.0
Veterinary Medicine Contract Spaces:	\$5.8	\$5.8	\$5.8	\$0.0	\$0.0
Optometry Scholarship Program:	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.0	\$0.0
Teacher Scholarship Program*	\$2.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$2.0	\$0.0
Student Teacher Stipend Program	\$7.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$7.3	\$0.0
Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program	\$10.0	\$4.8	\$4.8	-\$5.2	\$0.0
Innovative Scholarship Pilot Project	\$5.0	\$0.7	\$0.7	-\$4.3	\$0.0
General Administration and Support	\$6.0	\$6.0	\$6.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Other KHEAA	\$0.0	\$7.1	\$6.9	\$7.1	-\$0.2
TOTAL	\$393.4	\$384.7	\$384.5	-\$8.7	-\$0.2

***Dual Credit Expansion Note**

The Prichard Committee recommends a \$33 million annual increase in dual credit and work ready scholarships, doubling that pair of investments. The Free Conference Committee Report provides no net increase in General Fund dollars for those scholarships, increasing dual credit by \$8 million in the first fiscal year and reducing work ready by a matching amount. From Restricted Funds (not shown in the table above), the Free Conference Committee Report does provide an additional \$6.3 million for dual credit scholarships.

***Teacher Scholarship Program Note**

The Teacher Scholarship Program is being zeroed out in the General Fund and is instead being funded through Restricted Funds at the current \$2 million amount.