

# 2024 Guide to Kentucky Public University Scholarships

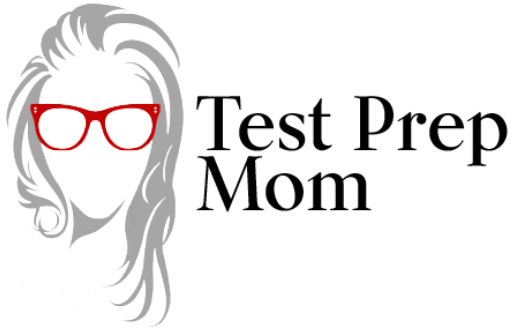
ACT Score Requirements and More

Students have tremendous opportunities to raise their ACT scores with [practice and strategy](#). By achieving these higher scores, a whole world of scholarship opportunities presents itself.

Here's a quick compilation of all Kentucky public universities and their requirements for scholarships. Contact each school's website for more information regarding deadlines, potential changes to information, and minimum ACT composite score requirements for both admissions and scholarships. **This is full of important links, so please use them!**

Remember that individual colleges within each university have additional scholarship opportunities (for example, [UK's College of Engineering](#) has fantastic scholarships for engineering majors.) All information is current as of February 2024, and of course, is subject to change. Please reach out to individual universities regarding scholarship opportunities that are available each year.

I hope this information is helpful as you begin your application process! Good luck!



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## University of Kentucky

Campus Population, 2023: [34,000+](#)

Primary Campus: Lexington, Kentucky

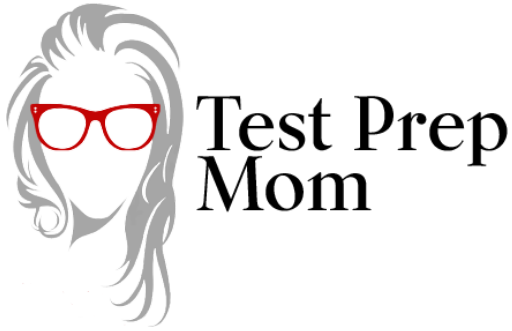
Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: [December 1, 2024](#)

[Otis A. Singletary Scholar \(Honors College\)](#) Deadline: December 1, 2024

Scholarship/University overview: UK has multiple opportunities for scholarships for high-achieving students. Here is a partial list for Kentucky residents taken from UK's 2024 Fall Freshman Guide.

**Quick takeaway: partial scholarships available with a 26 ACT and a 3.3 GPA.**

SCHOLARSHIP	TYPE	TRADITIONAL CRITERIA (UNWEIGHTED GPA)	TEST OPTIONAL CRITERIA (UNWEIGHTED GPA)	ANNUAL AMOUNT
Provost	Academic	3.30 & 26 ACT/1230 SAT	3.50	\$2,500
		3.30 & 28 ACT/1300 SAT	3.75	\$5,000
Presidential	Competitive	3.50 & 31 ACT/1390 SAT	4.00	Full in-state tuition
<a href="#">Otis A. Singletary</a>	Competitive	3.80 & 33 ACT/1450 SAT	4.00	Full in-state tuition + housing stipend*
Kentucky Governor's Scholar Presidential**	Competitive	3.50 & 31 ACT/1390 SAT; completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program.	4.0; completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program.	Full in-state tuition
Kentucky Governor's Scholar Provost	Selective	Completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program	Completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program	\$2,500
Kentucky Governor's Scholar Provost (Continued)	Selective	3.30 & 28 ACT/1300 SAT; Completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program	3.75; Completion of Governor's Scholars, School for the Arts or School for Entrepreneurs program	\$5,000



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## University of Louisville

Campus Population, 2023: [22,640](#)

Primary Campus: Louisville, Kentucky

Deadline for admission: [None. Scholarships are awarded through May 1.](#)

Honors Early Action Deadline: [October 15, 2024](#)

Regular Honors Deadline: [December 15, 2024](#)

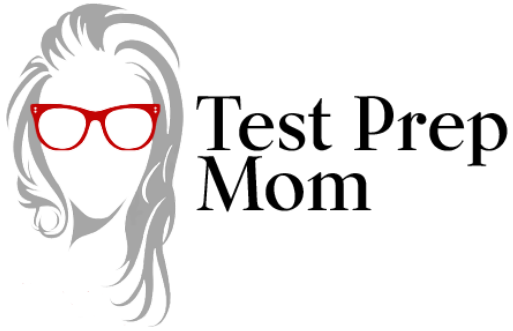
Scholarship/University Overview: The University of Louisville has a competitive honors college and many levels of academic scholarships available for those with a qualifying ACT composite score.

**Quick takeaway: Partial scholarships are available with a 26 ACT and a 3.0 GPA for Kentucky and border-county Indiana residents.**

### Admission-based Scholarships

- No deadline; scholarships are awarded through May 1.
- No scholarship application required. First-time freshmen who meet the minimum criteria will be awarded following admission to UofL.
- Admission-based scholarships cannot be stacked with other admission-based scholarships.

Name	Type	Amount/Year	Minimum Criteria
Trustees' Scholarship	Renewable	\$2,500 - \$8,000 <a href="#">View chart.</a>	26 ACT or 1230 SAT or comprehensive academic review***  and 3.5 GPA
GSP, GSA, GSE Award** Gatton & Craft Academy** Rogers Scholars**	Renewable	\$5,000	No minimum test score  3.5 GPA
GSP, GSA, GSE Award** Gatton & Craft Academy** Rogers Scholars**	Renewable	\$7,500	28-30 ACT or 1300-1380 SAT or comprehensive academic review***  and 3.5 GPA
GSP, GSA, GSE Award** Gatton & Craft Academy** Rogers Scholars**	Renewable	Full in-state tuition	31 ACT or 1390 SAT or comprehensive academic review***  and 3.5 GPA
National Merit Semifinalist/Finalist	Renewable	Full in-state tuition	No minimum test score  3.5 GPA



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## Western Kentucky University

Campus Population, 2023: [20,171](#)

Primary Campus: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Early Action Deadline: For scholarship opportunities, students must be accepted by WKU by December 31, 2024.

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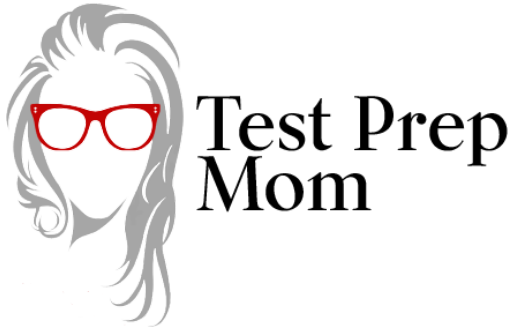
Scholarship/University overview: WKU has recently upped their ACT requirement from a 28 to a 30 ACT composite with a 3.8 GPA for automatic, non-competitive scholarships.

**Quick takeaway: Some scholarship monies are available without ACT requirements.**

### Automatic, Non-Competitive Merit Scholarships

Students with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA (regardless of their state of residency) qualify for WKU's Academic Merit Scholarships.

Requirements	Award
<a href="#">3.80 - 4.00 GPA and a 30+ ACT (or 1360 SAT)</a>	\$7,500 per year - \$30,000 total
<a href="#">3.80 - 4.00 GPA (No ACT or SAT requirement)</a>	\$3,500 per year - \$14,000 total
<a href="#">3.50 - 3.79 GPA (No ACT or SAT requirement)</a>	\$2,500 per year - \$10,000 total
<a href="#">3.30 - 3.49 GPA (No ACT or SAT requirement)</a>	\$1,500 per year - \$6,000 total
<a href="#">3.00 - 3.29 GPA (No ACT or SAT requirement)</a>	\$1,000 per year - \$4,000 total



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## Eastern Kentucky University

Campus Population, 2023: [14,293](#)

Primary Campus: Richmond, Kentucky

Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: [April 15, 2025](#), Last day for students to be admitted to be considered for Merit Scholarships

Scholarship/University Overview: EKU is known for its criminal justice and aviation degrees. Their [aviation program](#) is the only one in Kentucky and boasts a 100% job placement rate.

**Quick takeaway: 28 ACT composite and 3.8 GPA = automatic in-state tuition**

### Merit Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Eligibility Requirements	Annual Award	Semester Award	Renewal EKU GPA
Merit Tier 1	3.8 – 4.0 GPA and ACT 28+	In-State Tuition**	In-State Tuition**	3.0
Merit Tier 2	3.8 – 4.0 GPA	\$6,000	\$3,000	3.0
Merit Tier 3	3.3 – 3.79 GPA	\$4,000	\$2,000	2.8 (0-59 SCH) 3.0 (60+ SCH)
Merit Tier 4	3.0 – 3.29 GPA	\$3,000	\$1,500	2.8 (0-59 SCH) 3.0 (60+ SCH)
Madison County Promise	2.5 – 2.9 GPA (Must be from Madison County)	\$1,000	\$500	2.8 (0-59 SCH) 3.0 (60+ SCH)

(SCH=student credit hours)

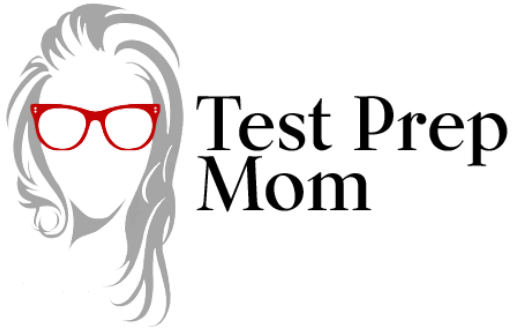
**\*unweighted GPA and composite ACT – EKU does not accept ACT superscores**

**\*\*does not include fees, room or board**

**GSP participants will automatically be awarded the Merit Tier 1 Scholarship.**

**GSA and GSE participants will automatically be awarded the Merit Tier 2 Scholarship.**

EKU Merit Scholarships are subject to [terms and conditions in accordance with policies and guidelines](#).



## Morehead State University

Campus Population, 2023: [9,000](#)

Primary Campus: Morehead, Kentucky

Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: varies based on scholarship level

George M. Luckey, Jr. Honors College Deadline: [December, 2024](#)

Scholarship/University Overview: MSU is a smaller state school in Kentucky, but is known for its high rate of financial aid and low threshold for scholarships. Full tuition, room, board, and meals are included for Honors College students.

**Quick takeaway: With a 21 ACT composite and a 3.0 GPA, incoming students can get \$3,000 per year in scholarships.**

### MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Eligibility Requirements	Annual Amount
3.0+ GPA & 21+ ACT	\$3,000
3.25+ GPA & 21+ ACT	\$4,000
3.25+ GPA & 25+ ACT	\$6,000
3.5+ GPA & 25+ ACT	\$6,500
3.8+ GPA & 25+ ACT	\$7,000
3.8+ GPA & 28+ ACT	\$9,000



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## Kentucky State University

Campus Population, 2023: [1,689](#)

Primary Campus: Frankfort, Kentucky

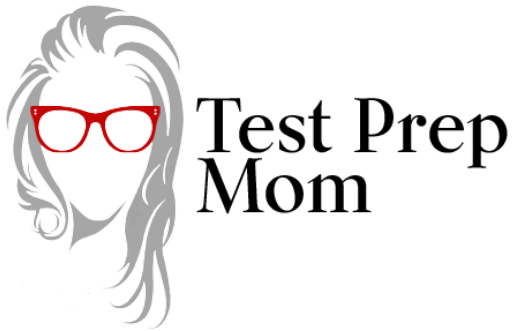
Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: varies based on scholarship level

Scholarship/University Overview: KState is Kentucky's oldest HBCU. Check out their [full list of scholarship opportunities here](#).

**Quick takeaway: With a 25 ACT composite and a 3.5 GPA, incoming freshmen can get full tuition, housing, meals, and books.**

## PERFORMANCE-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP	CRITERIA	VALUE	RENEWAL
<b>Presidential Scholarship</b> <i>(up to 5 annual awards)</i>	Minimum 3.5 HS GPA and minimum 28 ACT composite or 1300 SAT	Full cost of tuition and fees, housing, and meals	Renewable up to three consecutive years beyond the first year, provided the student maintains a cumulative 3.3 GPA and earns 24 credit hours by the end of each academic year.  Students must attempt at least 15 credit hours per semester
<b>Provost Scholarship</b> <i>(up to 10 annual awards)</i>	Minimum 3.3 cumulative HS GPA and minimum 26 ACT composite or 1200 SAT	Full cost of tuition and mandatory and optional fees	Renewable up to three consecutive years beyond the first year, provided the student maintains a cumulative 3.0 GPA and earns 24 credit hours by the end of each academic year.  Students must attempt at least 15 credit hours per semester.
<b>Sleet Transfer Scholarship</b> <i>(up to 15 annual awards)</i>	Transfer student  Minimum 24 credit hours and a 2.75 college GPA	\$5,000 each academic year	Renewable up to \$5,000 each academic year for two year beyond the first year of enrollment at KSU provided the student maintains a minimum of 24 credit hours each academic year and a 3.0 cumulative GPA.  Students must attempt at least 15 credit hours per semester.



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## Northern Kentucky University

Campus Population, 2022: [15,827](#)

Primary Campus: Covington, Kentucky

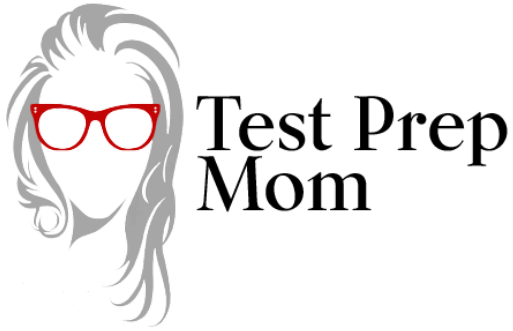
Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: [January 16, 2025](#)

Scholarship/University Overview: NKU is located in Covington and has dropped some requirements for ACT composite scores. However, as of February 2024, a 34+ ACT composite and a 3.75 GPA make one eligible for their Presidential Scholarship, which includes full tuition and a \$6,000 housing stipend.

**Quick takeaway: Northern has dropped many ACT requirements for scholarships, but does require a [minimum GPA of 3.0 for partial scholarships](#).**

Scholarship Title	Eligibility Criteria	Amount	Renewal Criteria
Presidential Scholarship	3.75+ weighted HS GPA and 34+ ACT/1490 SAT*	Full Tuition +\$6,000 Housing Stipend (for students living on-campus in NKU housing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility Timeline (Whichever comes first):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ up to 3 years OR</li> <li>◦ 1<sup>st</sup> degree OR</li> <li>◦ Up to 180 credit hours</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Earn 2.75+ cumulative GPA by end of Year 1</li> <li>• Must maintain a 3.00+ cumulative GPA after second year through fourth year</li> <li>• Earn 24 credit hours each academic year</li> <li>• Must meet a NKU service requirement</li> </ul>





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## Murray State University

Campus Population, 2023: [9,818](#)

Primary Campus: Murray, Kentucky

Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: varies based on scholarship level

Scholarship/University Overview: Murray is ranked #1 in the state for the highest percentage of graduates with [no student debt](#).

**Quick takeaway: Murray State doesn't require ACT scores for partial scholarships with certain GPAs.**

## Academic Scholarships

<p>4.00 to 3.80</p> <p><b>TRUSTEE</b></p> <p>4.00 to 3.80 AND 33+ ACT or 1450+ SAT</p> <p><b>\$10,000</b></p>	<p>4.00 to 3.80</p> <p><b>REGENTS</b></p> <p>4.00 to 3.80 AND 28-32 ACT or 1300-1440 SAT</p> <p><b>\$8,000</b></p>	<p>4.00 to 3.80</p> <p><b>PROVOST</b></p> <p>4.00 to 3.80 No ACT/SAT required</p> <p><b>\$5,000</b></p>	
<p>3.79 to 3.50</p> <p><b>CARR</b></p> <p>3.79 to 3.50</p> <p><b>\$4,000</b></p>	<p>3.49 to 3.30</p> <p><b>UNIVERSITY</b></p> <p>3.49 to 3.30</p> <p><b>\$3,000</b></p>	<p>3.29 to 3.00</p> <p><b>DEANS</b></p> <p>3.29 to 3.00</p> <p><b>\$2,500</b></p>	<p>2.99 to 2.75</p> <p><b>OPPORTUNITY</b></p> <p>2.99 to 2.75</p> <p><b>\$1,000</b></p>