

Education Cabinet

Education-at-Work Scholarship applications being accepted

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The Kentucky Education Cabinet is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship program. The scholarships are for non-traditional students who have used employment and training programs and other cabinet services.

Education Cabinet Secretary Laura E. Owens said the \$1,000 Education-at-Work scholarships would help Kentuckians continue their education and preparation for work.

"The Education Cabinet is proud to offer the Education-at-Work scholarship again this year. This is the ninth year we have sponsored the scholarship, and it continues to grow and improve every year," said Secretary Owens. "The scholarship for non-traditional students is a wonderful opportunity for the Education Cabinet to help Kentuckians who are striving to better themselves through education."

To be eligible, applicants must receive at least one of the services from one of the following agencies in the Education Cabinet: Kentucky Adult Education, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Office of Employment and Training, Office of Career and Technical Education and Office for the Blind. Examples of services in these agencies include but are not limited to Workforce Investment Act services and training, unemployment insurance, vocational rehabilitation, dislocated workers program, area technology centers and adult learning centers. In addition, applicants must be Kentucky residents and enroll in a Kentucky postsecondary educational institution for the fall 2007 semester.

Scholarship applicants will be required to write an essay on Kentucky's brand "Unbridled Spirit" and how the theme relates to their educational and career goals.

"During the eight years that we have offered the Education-at-Work scholarship, 210 Kentuckians have been selected from more than 1,600 applicants. The scholarship winners are people who are planning their futures and pursuing their education and career goals," said Secretary Owens.

"Many of them have overcome hardships to go to school. They range from high school students who are going straight to college to adults who are going back to the classroom after many years in the workforce. Whatever their dreams are for the future, we are excited to help them reach their potential with this \$1,000 scholarship," Secretary Owens added.

Applications and complete eligibility guidelines are available through adult learning centers, local Office for the Blind, Office of Employment and Training, and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Kentucky Tech area technology centers, and Workforce Investment Act service providers. The completed application packet must be postmarked by April 30, 2007.

Applications and guidelines may also be accessed at the Education Cabinet Web page at www.educationcabinet.ky.gov. The \$1,000 scholarships may be used for tuition, books, lab and technology fees.

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