

# Frequently Asked Questions: Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship Program

## **Do students need to complete an application?**

No. School districts will apply for DCS funding on behalf of students. Students will still need to complete the admissions process if required by the postsecondary institution where they are enrolling for dual credit coursework.

## **Are all Kentucky high school students eligible for the program?**

No. To be eligible for a DCS, a student must be a Kentucky resident, be enrolled in a Kentucky public high school during the 2016-2017 year, be enrolled in an eligible dual credit course at a participating Kentucky postsecondary institution, and complete a 30-minute college success counseling session each year of scholarship eligibility.

## **Who will provide the 30-minute college success counseling session for students?**

KHEAA and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) are developing a counseling session that will fulfill the college success counseling requirement. Session materials will be distributed to high schools in early August. The session may be conducted by a high school faculty member, staff person, high school administrator, or a Kentucky Career Center specialist designated by the student's school counselor.

## **Are postsecondary institutions required to participate in the program?**

No. Institutions must notify KHEAA if they desire to participate each year by the established deadline. If an institution decides not to participate in the 2016-2017 DCS program, they may join the program in a future year.

## **What kinds of college courses are eligible for the Dual Credit Scholarship?**

Dual credit courses are those for which students receive both high school and postsecondary course credit for the same course. DCS-eligible courses include general education courses and career and technical education courses within a state-approved career pathway leading to an industry recognized credential, and developed in accordance with KRS 164.098.

## **Can students take dual credit coursework online?**

Yes. Dual credit courses may be offered to students through a participating postsecondary institution online, delivered at a high school or at a participating postsecondary institution's campus.

## **What happens if a student wants to take more than two dual credit courses during the 2016-2017 year? What if the student is enrolled at more than one postsecondary institution during the same semester?**

The student's high school will identify the courses that count toward the DCS program when applying to KHEAA as well as the institution where those courses are being taken. KHEAA will inform the postsecondary institution where the student is enrolled if courses are eligible for the program. The student will be responsible for payment of coursework that is not eligible under the DCS program.

## **Can a participating postsecondary institution charge more than the dual credit rate if students want to take more than two courses?**

No. Participating postsecondary institutions must charge no more than the dual credit rate, which is \$52 per credit hour for the 2016-2017 year, regardless of the number of dual credit courses a student takes.

## **Can Dual Credit Scholarship funds be used for dual enrollment?**

No. Only dual credit courses are eligible for program funding.

## **Can Dual Credit Scholarship funds be used to reimburse students and/or parents for expenses related to dual credit coursework?**

No. LEAs and PPIs are eligible for the funds. Excess funds may be used by LEAs for dual credit program expenses which may include required textbooks and course materials.

## **Will the Mary Jo Young Scholarship (MJYS) be available?**

Yes. KHEAA will be awarding MJYS to help low-income students who are not eligible for the DCS program, such as students attending Kentucky non-public high schools. Students must be eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program to be considered for an award. Funds are limited, and awards will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students may apply for the MJYS at [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) before Sept. 1, 2016. Additional information will be made available by KHEAA.

## **Can LEAs include students attending either the Gatton Academy or Craft Academy in their Dual Credit Scholarship population?**

No. State funding is already provided to support those programs.

## **How will LEAs request additional funding if they need more than their initial allocation for DCS?**

KHEAA will evaluate the utilization of funds and notify LEAs of the availability of additional allocation by Nov. 15 for the fall semester and April 15 for the spring semester. LEAs will be given an opportunity to request these funds from KHEAA. A detailed explanation of the process will be provided by KHEAA when the additional allocations are announced this fall.

## **The amount appropriated for the program is \$7.5 million each year. What happens if the entire appropriation is not used?**

The DCS program's General Fund appropriation does not lapse at the close of the fiscal year, KHEAA will include those additional amounts to increase each district's allotment for the 2017-2018 year.

## **Who can I contact if I have additional questions regarding the DCS or MJYS?**

You may contact KHEAA's Director of Student Aid Services, Becky Gilpatrick, at [rgilpatrick@kheaa.com](mailto:rgilpatrick@kheaa.com) or (800) 928-8926 ext. 67394.