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WORK READY KENTUCKY SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS ANSWERED DURING TUESDAY FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – High school students, parents, school counselors, teachers and administrators – as well as adults who have not yet earned an associate degree or higher and are interested in a career in one of the state’s top five high-demand workforce sectors – are invited to [join a Facebook Live event](#) at 1 p.m. ET on Tuesday, July 24 to learn about the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship. A panel will discuss the scholarship, including eligibility, how to apply and what it covers. Visit facebook.com/helpwantedky to watch the live stream and submit questions.

Earlier this month, Gov. Matt Bevin sign an executive order expanding the scholarship to eligible students enrolled in certificate, diploma and associate of applied science degrees in one of the state’s top five high-demand workforce sectors:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Business and IT
- Construction Trades
- Healthcare
- Transportation and Logistics

Students now can use the scholarship each year of high school to cover the cost of tuition and fees for up to two dual credit Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in one of the high-demand sector pathways leading to an industry-recognized certification. Depending on their course of study, a student has the opportunity to earn up to 30 credit hours toward an associate degree while still in high school.

The scholarship also can be used by eligible adults without an associate degree or higher, or without a high school diploma. They must wish to pursue a career certification or an associate degree in tandem with obtaining a GED through the Accelerating Opportunity Kentucky Program offered through the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

Expansion of the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship is designed to strengthen the state’s workforce and equip Kentuckians of all ages with the knowledge and skills necessary to start a career in a high-demand area where good paying jobs are available.

Participants in Tuesday’s Facebook Live event include:

- Wayne Lewis, interim commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education
 - Derrick Ramsey, secretary, Cabinet for Education and Workforce Development
 - Aaron Thompson, executive vice president and chief academic officer, Council on Postsecondary Education
 - A representative from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority
 - A representative from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System
- (more)

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The event will be moderated by KDE Chief Communications Officer Jessica Fletcher. You may submit questions in advance to [Jessica Fletcher](#) or use the comment box that is part of the Facebook Live interface.

More information about the [Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship](#) is available online.

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