

2024 Guide to Kentucky Private University Scholarships

ACT Score Requirements and More

Similar to our 2024 Guide to Kentucky Private Universities, our public guide is as comprehensive as available as of February 2024.

The primary difference between public and private scholarships in Kentucky universities this year is that many private schools do not require ACT or SAT scores for scholarship eligibility. However, most private schools offer some or all tuition assistance via grants, aid, no-interest loans, or private and religious scholarships.

Private schools in Kentucky are also much smaller in student population than public universities, leading to a better student-professor ratio and more one-on-one attention.

Deciding which school is right for you can be a difficult choice, especially if you don't know the area of study you'd like to pursue. All of the following schools have their own culture and specialties, and we highly suggest digging deeper if a particular school captures your attention.

This information is subject to change, as each school updates its information on its schedule. Please contact individual schools for scholarship requirements.

Alice Lloyd College

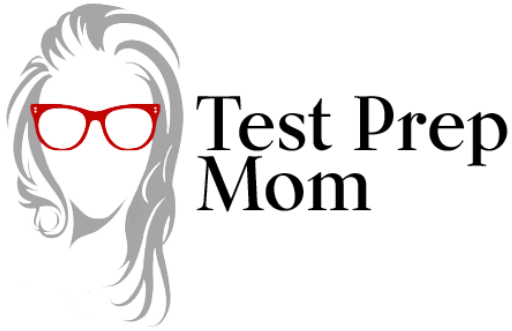
Campus Population, 2022: [570](#)

Primary Campus: Pippa Passes

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

Scholarship/University Overview: Alice Lloyd College is the smallest private college in Kentucky, and awards tuition guarantees, regardless of income, for residents of 108 Appalachian counties for those eligible for admission. They are known for their [Student Work Program](#) and for the small community of Pippa Passes, population 582, which is almost equal to the student population.

Quick takeaway: Merit-based scholarships are available starting with ACT composite scores of 27 with a 3.5 GPA, but all students admitted receive some form of tuition guarantee.



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Alice Lloyd College Endowed Scholarships

Due to the generosity of alumni, staff, trustees, churches, societies, businesses, foundations, and countless friends across America, students from the 108-county service area in central Appalachia may attend Alice Lloyd College regardless of financial circumstances. Tuition is guaranteed through several sources, but in particular through endowed scholarships that produce income to fund the supreme financial aid packages available to qualified students. The following scholarships are awarded annually, and donors receive detailed reports along with personal letters from students who benefit from the funds.

Asbury University

Campus Population, 2022: [1,404](#)

Primary Campus: Wilmore

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: February 1, 2025

Scholarship/University Overview: Asbury University is a non-denominational Christian school that aligns with the Wesleyan Holiness movement. The merit/GPA scholarship does not have an ACT requirement. Asbury has multiple levels of scholarships and financial aid.

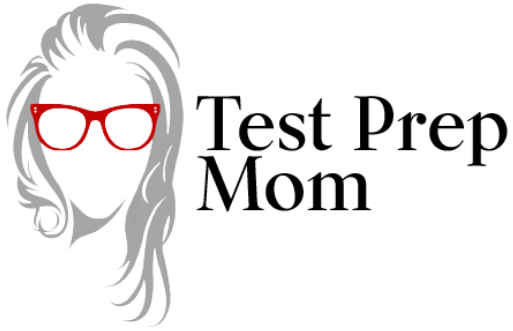
Quick takeaway: The [Asbury Honors College](#) is open to applicants by invitation only, but there are multiple scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen. As of 2024, there is no ACT requirement for scholarships.

Merit Scholarship Award for incoming freshman and transfer students

Because every high school calculates GPAs differently, when you apply to Asbury University, your transcript and GPA will go through a recalculation process in which we translate your school's GPA to an Asbury 4-point scale. This way, we ensure that every new student gets the best possible aid.

You are then guaranteed a yearly scholarship based on your recalculated GPA — and that's before you even apply for financial aid!

GPA	Scholarship
3.90+*	\$15,000
3.70 – 3.89	\$12,000
3.40 – 3.69	\$11,000
< 3.40	\$10,000



Bellarmino University

Campus Population, 2023: [2,343](#)

Primary Campus: Louisville

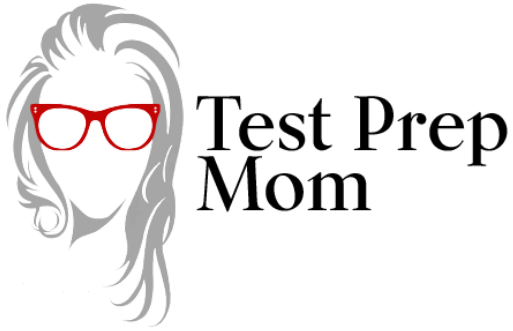
Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: December 1, 2024

Scholarship/University Overview: Bellarmine bills itself as the "[Premier Catholic University in The South](#)" and is located near downtown Louisville.

Quick takeaway: Bellarmine's scholarship application process is unique, and offers an open application and a rigorous weekend competition that involves faculty interviews, a writing sample, and a roundtable discussion. The ACT does not appear to be a deciding factor for Bellarmine's scholarships.

Competition

Bellarmino Scholars and Bellarmine Fellows recipients are selected based on a rigorous weekend competition. The competition will include a faculty interview, writing sample session, and roundtable discussion.



Berea College

Campus Population, 2023: [1,433](#)

Primary Campus: Berea

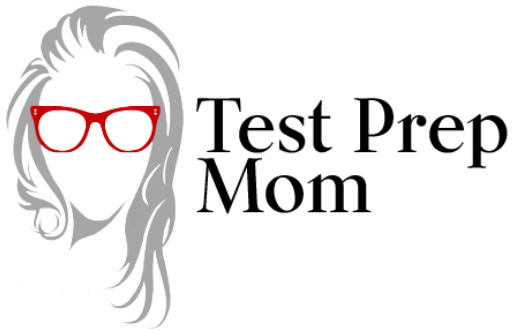
Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships:

Scholarship/University Overview: Berea College is the first integrated, co-educational college in the South, and has not charged tuition since 1892, and proudly only serves students with financial need.

Quick takeaway: With their “no tuition” model as one of the ten federally recognized [Work Colleges](#) in the US, the [Quick Estimator](#) is the place to start to determine your eligibility to attend Berea College tuition-free.

No Tuition

\$0. That’s how much 1,454 Berea College students paid for tuition last year. Berea College believes your income shouldn’t limit your outcome, which is why we have not charged students tuition since 1892.



Campbellsville University

Campus Population, 2022: [4,666](#)

Primary Campus: Campbellsville

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: December 31, 2024

Scholarship/University Overview: Campbellsville University is a Christian university and has multiple levels of both church-based and merit-based scholarships.

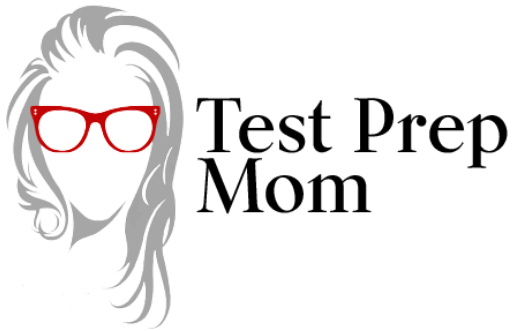
Quick takeaway: The Presidential Scholarship grants full tuition, room, and board to incoming applicants who meet ONE of the following requirements: a 25 composite ACT, a 3.5 GPA, or a ranking in the Top Ten in your high school class.

Presidential Scholarship

A full-tuition, room and board competitive scholarship open to students who meet one of the following criteria:

- Earned a high school GPA of 3.5 or above
- Earned a 25 ACT/1200 SAT score, or
- Earned ranking in the top ten percent of the senior class
- Deadline: Dec. 31st

Scholarship decisions consider a student's academic record, essay, and interview. Students earning this scholarship are required to fulfill service-learning opportunities throughout their time at Campbellsville University.



Centre College

Campus Population, 2022: [1,357](#)

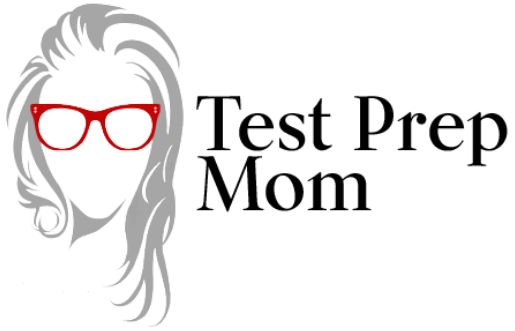
Primary Campus: Danville

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: January 15, 2025

Scholarship/University Overview: Centre accepts the [Common App](#), and does not require a minimum ACT score for their scholarship applications.

Quick takeaway: Centre has [multiple levels of scholarships](#) including Merit Scholarships, Premier Scholarships, and Special Interests.

Scholarship	Award	Renewable GPA
Faculty Scholarship	\$30,000	2.8
Colonel Scholarship	\$28,000	2.5
Founders Scholarship	\$26,000	2.25
Centre Award	\$22,000	2.0
Alumni Award	\$15,000	2.0



Georgetown College

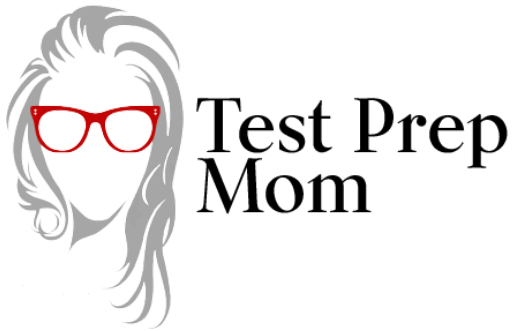
Campus Population, 2023: [1,233](#)

Primary Campus: Georgetown

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: Consideration with your application.

Scholarship/University Overview: Georgetown College was founded in 1829 and was the first Baptist college west of the Appalachians. There are multiple scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen.

Quick takeaway: Georgetown College doesn't have a minimum ACT requirement for scholarships, but ACT scores are considered, along with GPAs, and recommendations.



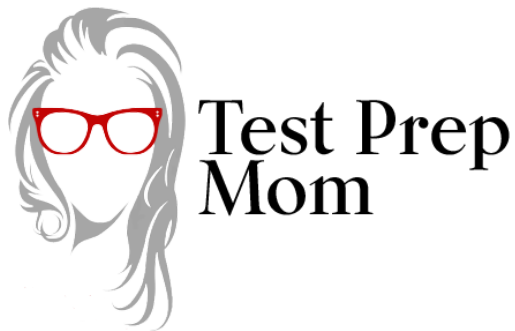
GEORGETOWN SCHOLARSHIPS

Your scholarships will be renewed through your eighth semester as long as you continue to meet the GPA requirements for the academic scholarships and continue to participate for the performance scholarships. You must file the FAFSA each year to renew your need-based assistance and if you continue to be eligible for the programs, your assistance will be renewed.

Scholarships for First Time Freshmen

The scholarships listed below are available for first-time residential freshmen. Eligibility is based on a student's ACT and/or SAT score, and high school GPA. Commuters are eligible for the same scholarships, but amounts will be reduced proportionate to costs.

- **Athletic Scholarships** Athletic scholarships are determined entirely by the coaches while considering all that a student brings to the college. To fill out a recruiting form for any of our exceptional sports, please visit <http://www.georgetowncollegeathletics.com/>.
- **Georgetown College Presidential Scholarship** (\$29,000 - \$31,000)
*Individuals receiving this scholarship are encouraged to apply for admission to the **Honors Program**. Those who are accepted will earn an additional \$1,000 yearly scholarship.*
- **Georgetown College Founders Scholarship** (\$19,000 - \$28,000)
- **Georgetown College Heritage Scholarship** (\$10,000 - \$19,000)
- **Georgetown College Opportunity Grant** (Awarded based on financial need according to completed FAFSA)
- **Georgetown College Distinguished Scholarship** Awarded to two top scholars each year. The Distinguished Scholarship is a full-tuition scholarship. To apply for the opportunity to interview for this prestigious award, [click here](#).
- **Legacy and Legends Scholarship** As Georgetown College approaches its bicentennial celebration in 2029, we recognize the impact that several local counties have had on our history. It is only right that we give back by offering a transformational education of the heart and mind to the students of some of those counties. Through the support of loyal alumni and donors, Georgetown College is proud to offer the Legacy and Legends Scholarship. Please note that students receiving this scholarship are not eligible to receive any additional aid from GC. For more information click [here](#).



In addition, Georgetown offers full-tuition scholarships to all students admitted who live in Scott, Owen, Casey, and Franklin Counties. This is called the “Legacy and Legends Scholarship.”

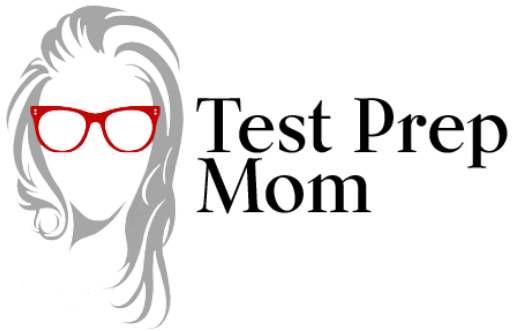
As Georgetown College approaches its bicentennial celebration in 2029, we recognize the impact of four Kentucky counties on our history. We are giving back by offering a transformational education to the students in Casey, Franklin, Owen, and Scott counties. Through the support of loyal alumni and donors, Georgetown College is proud to offer the Legacy and Legends Scholarship.

What is the Legacy and Legends Scholarship?

- The Legacy and Legends Scholarship is a full-tuition scholarship offered by Georgetown College to residents/ high school graduates of four counties in Kentucky. Students from these counties will receive a scholarship equal to the full cost of tuition each year, renewable for four years.
- Students will still be responsible to pay fees, and to pay for food and housing (room and board)
- Students can apply outside scholarships and grants to those remaining costs, including KEES, Kentucky Tuition Grant, PELL, and CAP grants if applicable.
- No additional GC scholarships or grants will be stacked on top of the Legacy and Legends Scholarship. [Click here](#) for more details on current costs.

When is the Legacy and Legends Scholarship available?

- The Legacy and Legends Scholarship was first awarded in the fall of 2020 and will be awarded through 2029 which is the 200th anniversary of Georgetown College.



Kentucky Wesleyan College

Campus Population, 2023: [780](#)

Primary Campus: Owensboro

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: Consideration with your application.

Scholarship/University Overview: All Kentucky Wesleyan incoming freshmen receive some aid and scholarships.

Quick takeaway: Although all incoming freshmen receive some level of scholarship, those levels vary widely. The two top scholarships cover full tuition for four years.

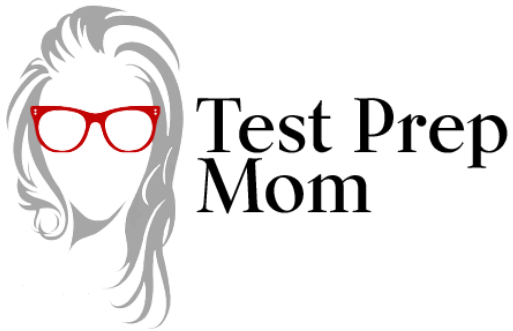
First-Year Merit/Academic Scholarships *(For domestic and international students)* ^

Each new undergraduate student (domestic or international) is awarded an academic/merit scholarship when that student is admitted into Kentucky Wesleyan College. Eligibility for these varying scholarship amounts are based on the student's cumulative high school grade point average (GPA). The scholarships listed below are effective for students beginning their first year of classes in Fall 2024.

Academic scholarship upgrades are possible if a student has an improved 7th and/or 8th semester cumulative GPA. The student must submit the new transcripts to his/her admissions counselor for a possible scholarship upgrade.

Academic scholarships are solely for tuition, for a maximum of eight full-time semesters, and only for undergraduate degrees in full-time student status (at least 12 credit hours per semester). Merit scholarships, their respective monetary values, and the GPA requirements are subject to change by Kentucky Wesleyan College at any time.

To retain any academic scholarship, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress. Some scholarships include specific GPA requirements.



Lindsey Wilson College

Campus Population, 2023: [1,753](#)

Primary Campus: Columbia

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: Consideration with your application.

Scholarship/University Overview: Lindsey Wilson is a private, Methodist college that was founded in 1903 and primarily serves students in the South Central Kentucky area.

Quick takeaway: Lindsey Wilson College offers up to \$16,000 for an ACT score of 21 and a 3.0 GPA.

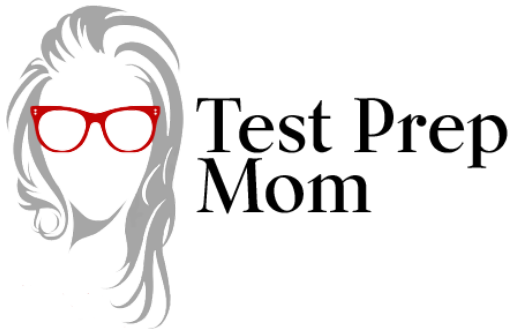
A.P. White Scholarship - Up to \$16,000*

- Available to first-time, full-time freshmen
- Minimum ACT composite score of 21
- Minimum high school GPA of 3.0

Award for Excellence - Up to Full Tuition *

- Available to first-time, full-time freshmen
- National Merit Semifinalists or National Achievement Semifinalists
- Minimum ACT composite score of 24
- Minimum high school GPA of 3.0

(Students with an ACT composite of less than 24 or a high school GPA of less than 3.0 may receive up to one-half tuition.)



Midway University

Campus Population, 2023: [1,663](#)

Primary Campus: Midway

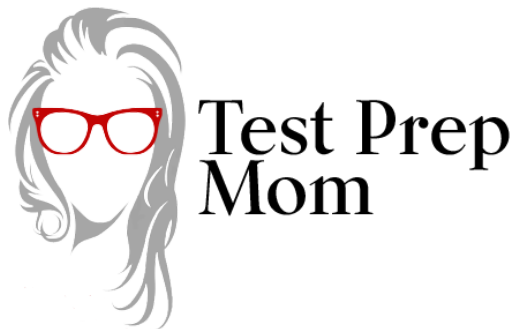
Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: Contact Midway University for more information regarding scholarship deadlines.

Scholarship/University Overview: Midway is located on a 200-acre working horse farm 15 minutes outside of Lexington. They are known for the equine and nursing programs.

Quick takeaway: Multiple scholarships are available for incoming freshmen, and offer [preview days](#) where potential students can learn more about scholarship opportunities and degree programs.

New Freshman Merit Scholarships

- Trustee – \$11,000 award for up to 4 years
- President – \$10,000 award for up to 4 years
- Provost – \$8,000 award for up to 4 years
- Dean – \$7,000 award for up to 4 years
- Founders – \$6,000 award for up to 4 years
- Director- \$5,000 award for up to 4 years
- Opportunity Grant – Up to \$5,000 for up to 4 years



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Spalding University

Campus Population, 2023: [767](#)

Primary Campus: Louisville

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: Consideration with your application.

Scholarship/University Overview: Spalding is located in downtown Louisville, Kentucky's largest city.

Quick takeaway: Some levels of scholarships are available to almost all incoming freshmen.

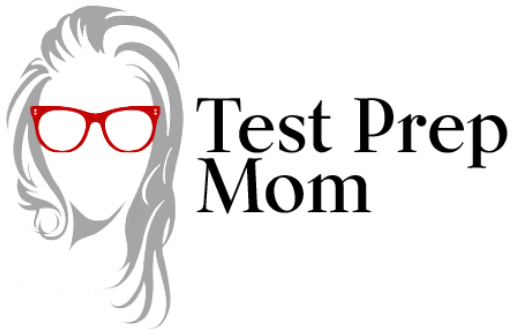
Academic Scholarships

We award academic (or merit-based) scholarships to first-time, full-time students, who pay our undergraduate daytime tuition rate. A completed [application for admission](#) is required, and the minimum academic requirements are as follows:

Base award	High school GPA
\$3,000	2.50 – 2.99
\$7,200	3.00 – 3.49
\$11,500	3.50 – 4.0+

Bonus award	Eligibility
\$1,800 +	Students with at least an 18 ACT composite score (or an equivalent SAT score) receive their score X \$100

Please note: Base and bonus awards will be combined for one merit award on your financial award package.



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Transylvania University

Campus Population, 2023: [981](#)

Primary Campus: Lexington

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: consideration with your application.

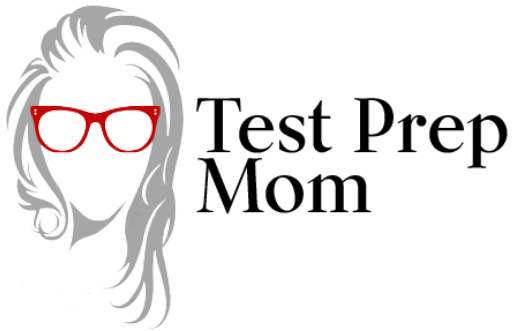
Scholarship/University Overview: 'Transy' is the oldest university in Kentucky, founded in 1780.

Quick takeaway: Transy offers great scholarships with ACT scores beginning at 21 with a 3.0 GPA.

Academic Merit Scholarships

These are awarded based on application materials, ACT scores (or SAT equivalent) and GPA.

Scholarship	Typical ACT and GPA
President's Amounts begin at \$27,000 per year	30 ACT and 4.0 GPA
Morrison Amounts begin at \$26,000 per year	28 ACT and 3.9 GPA
Pioneer Amounts begin at \$25,000 per year	26 ACT and 3.5 GPA.
Founders' Amounts begin at \$23,000 per year	23 ACT and 3.2 GPA
Crimson Amounts begin at \$12,000 per year	21 ACT and 3.0 GPA



Union College

Campus Population, 2023: [789](#)

Primary Campus: Barbourville

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: On completing the FAFSA, all students are eligible for tuition scholarships.

Scholarship/University Overview: Union offers a unique scholarship for Kentucky residents with demonstrable need. All tuition will be covered, following grants and aid, through their Union Distinction scholarship.

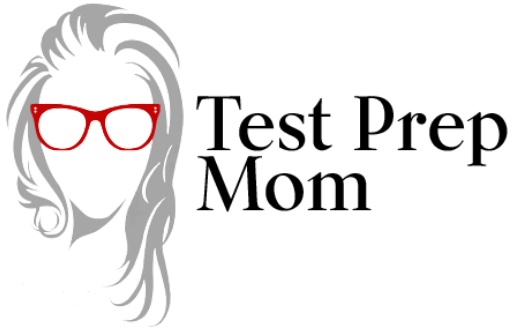
Quick takeaway: Although a 2.0 GPA is required, there is no minimum ACT score required for this scholarship.

A Kentucky-Wide Scholarship Covering 100% Tuition

Union Distinction is a last dollar scholarship for first-time, full-time Kentucky students that demonstrate financial need by completing their FAFSA Application. After all other aid has been applied, this scholarship covers the gap -- any last dollars needed to cover the student's tuition.



Union Distinction requires that the student must be a Kentucky Resident, graduate of a Kentucky public, private, or homeschool, be an incoming freshman, attend full time (12 hours or more per semester), meet Pell Grant eligibility, maintain a 2.0 GPA, and remain full-time status each semester. This is a 4 year (8 semester) scholarship. Union Distinction is a last dollar scholarship that is available after federal and state grants and institutional scholarships are applied. Textbooks are not included.



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University of the Cumberlands

Campus Population, 2023: [5,174](#)

Primary Campus: Williamsburg

Early Action Deadline for Fall 2025 Scholarships: With completion of FAFSA.

Scholarship/University Overview: Cumberland offers a unique “On Price Promise”, which means all books, fees, parking, and even meals are included in the tuition price.

Quick takeaway: In 2019, UCumberlands cut its tuition cost by 57%. Ninety-six percent of UCumberlands students receive financial aid. There is no minimum ACT requirement for enrollment, aid, or scholarships.

Affording Cumberlands

We cut our tuition by 57% in 2019, and we've kept that momentum rolling ever since. We cost less than the average Kentucky college, even public schools. Our tuition includes everything you need, no hidden fees or funny business.

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Average Financial Aid

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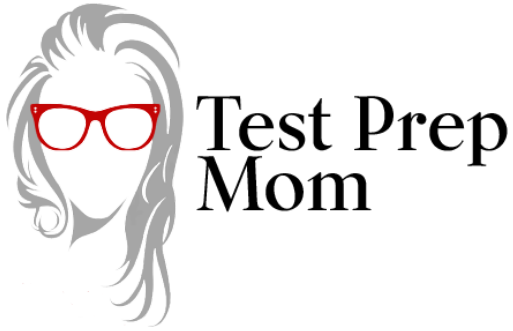
in KY, Social Mobility

1 in 5

Students Debt-Free

96%

Receive Financial Aid



University of Pikeville

Campus Population, 2023: [1,950](#)

Primary Campus: Pikeville, Kentucky

Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: varies based on scholarship level

University Overview: UPIKE is one of the newest state universities in Kentucky. They are known for their programs in nursing, optometry, and osteopathic medicine.

Quick takeaway: With a 28 ACT composite and a 3.75 GPA, incoming applicants can receive full tuition, room, and board.

Presidential Fellow Scholarship ▼

This full-ride scholarship will include room and board and is renewable for up to eight semesters or until the completion of a bachelor's degree, as long as selected students meet renewal criteria.

Scholarship Criteria

- Achieve a minimum high school GPA of 3.75
- Receive an ACT score of 28 or higher or an SAT score of 1300 or higher
- Complete 50 hours of documented community service, prior to high school graduation
- Submit a personal statement to scholarships@upike.edu
- Available to work 10 hours a week on campus while in school

A scholarship committee will review applications. In addition to ensuring that all applicants meet the required criteria, the committee will review the personal statements to establish a list of finalists. All finalists will be invited for an interview. Preference will be given to residents of Kentucky.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at scholarships@upike.edu or call (606) 218-5251.

Deadline: February 14