What is the Kentucky Academy for Equity in Teaching (KAET)?

The Kentucky Academy for Equity in Teaching (KAET) is a renewable service repayable award program to provide financial support and mentoring to pre-service teachers who are enrolled in, or are awaiting admittance to, an education professional standards board approved educator preparation program (EPP) at an institution of higher education (IHE) in Kentucky. KAET participants going through initial certification receive financial support and training as they are supported and mentored by experienced and effective educators. The award can only be used for EPP coursework for initial certification.

What are the benefits of participating in KAET?

- Opportunity to learn from and network with IHE faculty, experienced educators and KAET fellows
- Support for qualifying assessments, such as the PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II
- Mentorship from experienced educators
- Service repayable scholarship up to $5,000 per semester up to 4 semesters at an EPSB-approved educator preparation program at an IHE in Kentucky to complete teacher preparation/initial certification program for
undergraduates and up to $2,500 per term up to 4 semesters for graduate students.

If I receive the award, what are my responsibilities?

- Complete coursework in an EPSB-approved educator preparation/initial certification program at an IHE in Kentucky
- Co-develop and complete (with KDE and KAET mentor) a personalized learning plan
- Fully participate in KAET mentoring and professional learning opportunities outlined in personalized learning plan
- Maintain a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) and a minimum of 2.75 GPA per semester
- Participate in a professional educator organization or conference such as Educators Rising Kentucky, Kentucky Council for Teachers of Mathematics (KCTM), Kentucky Reading Association (KRA), or another organization approved by KDE and based on area of certification
- Sign a Kentucky Department of Education KAET service repayable award promissory note agreeing to:
  - Obtain a Kentucky professional teaching certificate
  - Provide qualified teaching service
  - Understand the promissory note s/he signs is a binding legal document stating that, except in cases of discharge, s/he shall repay the money borrowed if the recipient;
    - Does not obtain a professional teaching certificate
    - Does not provide qualified teaching service
    - Inform the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance

What do Mentors do?

- Co-develop and support completion of (with KDE and KAET participant) a personalized learning plan
- Provide mentoring and/or professional learning opportunities for KAET participants outlined in personalized learning plan
- Fully participate in KDE technical assistance sessions related to KAET
- Provide all paperwork and reporting on time and in format requested by KDE
- Coordinate the completion of promissory notes and financial counseling

Who’s eligible?
The Student must be:

- A United States citizen
- Kentucky resident
- Current enrollment, or a completed application with pending admission, in an EPSB-approved educator preparation program for initial certification at an IHE in Kentucky
- Be within 48 credit hours of completing an EPP
- Does not currently hold a Kentucky professional teaching certificate
- Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0
- Minimum semester GPA of 2.75
- Financial need demonstrated through having an expected family contribution (EFC) within the Pell eligibility range

How do I apply?

1. Carefully review the eligibility criteria and information found in the promotional packet.
2. Complete the application that fits your level of study. undergraduate or graduate
3. Submit the application including the essay.

What's the deadline to apply?

September 7, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time

If I have questions, who can help me?

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