

TITLE: Kentucky Innovative Scholarship Pilot Program report for 2022-23

DESCRIPTION: CPE released the Kentucky Innovative Scholarship Pilot Program Report in November 2023. The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received an update on the work that was completed through this program and its results.

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COMMITTEE'S REVIEW

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received this information update at their January 16, 2024, meeting. It will not be covered or presented in detail at the January 19 board meeting; however, staff will be available for questions. Committee members also watched a video that discussed the results: <http://tinyurl.com/33h632zd>.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

At the direction of the 2022 General Assembly, the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) established a pilot program supported with excess lottery proceeds to provide college access and promote undergraduate student success for displaced students and for students participating in international exchange programs. The pilot project was used support the following:

1. **Humanitarian Assistance Scholarships:** Provides scholarships up to the total cost of attendance for displaced students pursuing an undergraduate postsecondary certificate or degree at a Kentucky institution of higher education. For the purposes of the program, a "displaced student" is defined as a traditional or non-traditional age student who is a foreign national who has received U.S. asylum or submitted a U.S. asylum application, or are in the U.S. under Temporary Protected Status, humanitarian parole, or through a special immigrant visa.
2. **Scholarships to Promote Cultural Exchange:** A portion of the scholarship funds is used to support U.S. native and foreign undergraduate students participating in international exchange programs. Exchange programs create opportunities for participants to learn with others from different areas of the world and help develop citizens who appreciate the value of culture difference and international collaboration.
3. **Community of Practice:** A state-level community of practice was established for representatives of Kentucky postsecondary institutions who are serving or seek to serve Displaced Students. The community of practice has provided a forum to share and scale

proven practices, offer professional development for faculty and other campus practitioners serving Displaced Student populations, and provide resources to help leverage other state, federal or private resources.

A [report was released in November 2023](#) that provides an overview of the funding allocations, enrollment information, student level impact, as well as recruitment and outreach efforts for the first year of the program. It also discussed the community of practice workshops and trainings that took place during the year.