

The most valuable scholarships generally come from the colleges. Students and parents should always study college websites and know the college admissions counselors assigned to Clay County High School students.

UK has TWO scholarship opportunities for first-generation (meaning your parents have not earned a 4-year college degree) college students.

L. Stanley Pigman First-Generation Scholarship

The L. Stanley Pigman First-Generation Scholarship Program, an initiative at the University of Kentucky, is designed to specifically for first-generation college students from Eastern Kentucky region. Housed in the Office of First-Generation Student Services, the Pigman Scholarship, provides personalized support, guidance and peer mentoring necessary to navigate the college experience.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Student must be a first-generation college student (neither parent/guardian have earned a 4-year degree)
- Applicants must have been admitted to the University of Kentucky.
- Applicants must graduate from a high school in one of the following counties: Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rockcastle, Whitley, and Wolfe.
- Applicants must show potential for academic success by having an unweighted high school GPA of at least a 3.5 or higher and an admissible test score or equivalent.
- Applicants must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and display a financial need.
- Scholarship recipients must begin their undergraduate student career at the University of Kentucky in the fall term immediately following high school graduation.
- Scholarship recipients must apply to and live in the First-Generation Scholar Living Learning Community during their first and second academic year.
- Students interested in Engineering and Computer Science are not eligible for this award.

Robinson Scholarship

The Robinson Scholarship serves a twenty-nine (29) county area in Eastern Kentucky. The service area includes the following counties: Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rockcastle, Whitley, and Wolfe.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

- Applicants must have been admitted to the University of Kentucky.
- Applicants must be an incoming first-generation college student (neither parent or guardian has earned a four-year degree).
- Applicants must graduate from a high school within the twenty-nine (29) county service area and be residents of Kentucky.
- Applicants must show potential for academic success by having an unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or higher and an admissible test score.
- Applicants must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and display a financial need.
- Scholarship recipients must begin their undergraduate student career at the University of Kentucky in the fall term immediately following high school graduation.
- Scholarship recipients must apply to and live in the First-Generation Scholar Living Learning Community during their first academic year.

YOU ARE INVITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES

From: Blake, UK Admissions Counselor

Hi!

If we haven't met, my name is Blake Nantz and I'm your Admission Counselor at the University of Kentucky. I am reaching out because you indicated on your application to UK that you are a first-generation college student and I want to share two scholarship opportunities with you – Robinson Scholarship and L. Stanley Pigman First-Generation Scholarship Program.

We are having an information session on Tuesday, December 14 at 6PM EST on Zoom for you to get more information on these two scholarships and ask any questions that you might have. I really encourage you to attend because these scholarships can help offset the cost of your attendance to UK. You can find information about the event as well as the link to register here - <https://visit.uky.edu/open-houses-and-events>. It's listed as "First-Generation Scholarship Information Session." Please let me know if you have any questions!

Go Cats!

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