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The following was distributed to the KYAE listserv.



IMPORTANT INFO: FY 2017 GED® voucher info and GED® testing cost coverage

Good news!

Kentucky Adult Education is going to continue to provide vouchers to help defray the cost of GED® testing for our students.

Beginning July 1, 2016, KYAE will provide \$10-per-module GED® testing vouchers; this brings the cost of each module to \$20. This will be available while supplies last.

Please note that KYAE has sustained a 5% cut in state funding. While KYAE is currently able to defray the cost of the GED® testing for students, it is unlikely that KYAE will be able to continue this funding in the future. Thus, we encourage you to begin concerted efforts to cultivate support for GED® testing; many of you are already quite successful.

Many local adult education programs are able to assist their students in paying for the GED® test through donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals. Some entities that help support GED® testing on a local level include banks, civic organizations and attorneys.

It is also important to note that some agencies, such as Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and WellCare, pay GED® test fees for their clients. Additionally, some employers, such as Walmart, Taco Bell and KFC, cover the costs of the GED Ready™ and GED® tests for eligible employees.

Please note that KYAE recommends that students have some "skin in the game" by contributing to paying for covering the cost of the test. You may also find it helps students to be more committed to showing up for testing if you require them to request funding by completing an application. **We understand there are extreme emergency situations where students have been provided the opportunity to test and then end up being a "NO SHOW."** However, generally speaking, we find this is to be very unacceptable, as it essentially is denying another deserving and committed student an opportunity. It is also a good practice to have students write thank you notes to the contributors, not only for the students but to help ensure the contributors' continued support.

Access a listing of potential GED® testing supporters whom you may want to contact by clicking here. You may have others whom you choose to contact; please share those with KYAE so that we may share with the field.

Thanks for all of your hard work in helping our students!