

All Webster County students should have the opportunity to go to college.

Students are finding it harder and harder to go to college because of increased financial demands on them and their families.

Employers are finding it harder and harder to find qualified employees.

- Performance in school is one factor that could predict how well a student will perform on the job.
- Employer input tells us that they care more about attendance and punctuality than you might think.
- Employers are facing unprecedented levels of competition that may eventually impact the ability of students to obtain good jobs and maintain the quality of life they want as adults.

Webster County Kids to College (WCK2C), a partnership between Madisonville Community College, Henderson Community College, and Webster County, can help make the dream of higher education a reality for every local student, and help employers convey the importance of attendance, punctuality, and personal responsibility to local students...and future employees.

Student Requirements

Students will be awarded yearly certificates based on the criteria below, letting employers know their basic employability skills upfront.

Students earning four certificates will receive scholarships (after financial aid & KEES) to help cover college expenses.

Criteria:

- **Quality** - students must obtain 2.5 GPA yearly
- **Attendance** - students must achieve 95% attendance
- **Persistence** - students graduate in 8 consecutive semesters
- **Rigor** - students take more than the minimum credits required

Certificates are issued on an annual basis to students who meet the criteria of the program. Students' records will be checked to ensure they meet the workforce readiness requirements.

The last certificate the student receives will be issued only if he/she meets all of the criteria of the program all four years.

Benefits

- WCK2C graduates receive up to \$1,000 in scholarship funds per semester at Henderson Community College or Madisonville Community College for four semesters (after financial aid and KEES money is applied).
- Webster County Kids to College holds students accountable for their performance.
- Provides a reward system for students who may not be eligible for other awards.
- The WCK2C certificate allows students to effectively market their accomplishments to potential employers.
- The program is an economic development initiative and will provide employers with a more highly-skilled work force.

Investing in Webster County youth means:

future economic development

better quality of life for all residents

a stronger Webster County

What can public schools do?

- Encourage all students to complete the Webster County Kids 2 College program.
- Maintain accurate records to ensure students meet criteria.
- Distribute certificates to all students who meet the criteria on an annual basis. Certificates should have multiple safety features to prevent forgery.
- Provide records for awarding WCK2C scholarships.

What can Madisonville & Henderson Community Colleges do?

- Secure input from public schools, community, and college.
- Keep P-16 Council informed of the program's progress.
- Develop all promotional materials for the program.
- Secure funding for the program.
- Coordinate the WCK2C Steering Committee.

What can employers do?

- Participate in the development of a steering committee to oversee the project.
- Provide financial support.
- Sign up to be a WCK2C employer and agree to give preference to students with WCK2C certificates at a job interview.
- Encourage other companies to participate in and support the program.
- Allow your company to be identified as a WCK2C employer in media releases and promotional materials.



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