

Corbin Regional Campus

TRI-COUNTY EDUCATION PAYS CENTER



Mission

The Tri-County Education Pays Center provides a program designed to assist full-time ECU students in meeting eligibility requirements in the Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program (K-TAP). At the Tri-County Education Pays Center, we realize that it is difficult to find the time and resources to pursue a post-secondary education. In recognition of this fact, the Education Pays program was created to assist and support K-TAP recipients at ECU-Corbin.

Some benefits of the program include:

- Work Experience
- Earn money through work study positions that meet the K-TAP work requirement
- Mentoring
- Job Shadowing
- Training Workshops
- Peer Support Group
- Cultural Activities
- Career Guidance
- Free Tutoring



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Who is eligible and what does it cost?

The Education Pays Program is FREE to all full-time ECU students receiving K-TAP benefits.



What services are available at the Education Pays Center?

Career Guidance

A variety of job search resources are available through the ECU Career Services Office. Computer based career and educational planning systems and one-to-one support are available to help students make career decisions.

Tutoring and Peer Support

One-on-one tutoring is available by appointment through the tutoring center at the Corbin campus. Tutoring is available in math, science, English, ACT prep, and various other subjects.

Both formal and informal peer support services are available to participants.

Cultural Activities

Each semester the Education Pays Center offers a cultural activity for all program participants. Some past activities have included: a tour of the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville, NC, a tour of the Toyota plant, and a visit to Shaker Village. All trips are fully funded by the Tri-County Education Pays Center.

Job Shadowing and Mentoring

Participants will have an opportunity to "shadow" an individual who works in an area of professional interest to them. This service will be individualized according to the student's major and/or area of professional interest.



Work Experience Opportunities

Program participants are encouraged to fulfill their K-TAP eligibility requirements through both unpaid and paid work experience opportunities. The Education Pays Center offers WORKSTUDY for qualifying students. Pay ranges from \$7.25 — \$9.99 an hour based on experience.

Job Retention Activities and Training Workshops

The Education Pays Center sponsors and supports a variety of trainings and activities. Workshops include computer skills training, life-skills training, personal and professional development, study skills, and job skill training.

Laptop/Calculator Usage

The Education Pays Center offers free laptop and calculator check out to all program participants.

