



Eastern Kentucky University is a nationally recognized public university located in Richmond, Kentucky. ECU began offering online degrees in 2006 and continues to service students with both on-campus and online offerings.

100% Online Bachelor of Social Work

Eastern Kentucky University's BSW opens the door to a variety of career options and builds the critical skills needed to help you advance in the field. ECU's social work program is real-world focused, providing the opportunity to fulfill your passion for helping others and make a positive impact in your community.



ONLINE



\$443 PER
CREDIT HOUR

SOCIAL WORK DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

- [Master of Social Work](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Addictions Intervention](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Services](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Management](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Mental Health](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Social Advocacy and Justice](#)

BENEFITS

- Free textbooks for all students with [EKU BookSmart](#)
- Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1977
- [Reduced tuition for active duty military members and their spouses](#)
- Generous credit transfer policy
- Expert faculty who provide interactive feedback and a collaborative approach to learning
- Opportunities for practicum experiences to help you discover your calling and network with other professionals

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[EKU Online Bachelors of Social Work](#)

CORE COURSES...54 HOURS

Introduction to Social Work - SWK 210

Introduces philosophy, values, ethics, and processes of the social work profession; emphasizes the bases of Generalist practice theory; areas of practice; social justice and the role of violence in society.

Human Behavior/Social Environment - SWK 225

Bio- psycho-social perspective of human behavior and social interactions based on systems theory. Explores traditional and alternative paradigms of developmental life cycle and family interactions. Emphasis on developmental diversity in a multicultural society.

Social Welfare Policy History - SWK 310

History of social welfare policy, its role and relationship with other social institutions; structure and function of U.S. system compared to other national systems; inequitable distribution of resources, and its contribution to an oppressive environment.

Human Behavior/ Social Environment II - SWK 335

Examination and application of theories of community, organizational and group behavior. Critical analysis of the social, economic and political forces and institutions that impact human behavior.

Social Work Research Methods - SWK 340

The course teaches application of both qualitative and quantitative research methods within the context of social work practice.

Social Work Practice I - SWK 350

Theoretical base for social work practice from a generalist perspective. Focuses on the social work process: problem identification; data collection and synthesis; assessment; planning and intervention; termination; and evaluation. Emphasis on multidimensional assessment and practice ethics.

Social Work Practice Methods - SWK 354

Focuses on interactional activities and exercises that foster the development of interviewing skills, data collection, contracting, synthesis, assessment, service contracting and use of relationship skills.

Social Work Practice II - SWK 355

Addresses the social work process with groups and families with a focus on assessments, intervention, implementation, and evaluation of practice strategies. Facilitation of psycho-educational groups to practice group work skills.

Social Work Practice III - SWK 360

Social Work process and skills applied to assessment and intervention with networks, organizations, and communities. Emphasis on community research; program development and evaluation; grantsmanship; strategies to advance social justice and address institutional and cultural violence.

Field Experience in a Social Agency - SWK 390

A minimum of 100 hours spread over the semester in an agency, or community program approved by Field Education Coordinator plus weekly seminar is required. Applications of practice theory and process. Application must be made through Field Education Coordinator the semester preceding placement.

Social Welfare Policy Practice - SWK 410

Dynamics of policy implementation at administrative, judicial, and legislative levels: policy analysis, formulation, modification, and evaluation; focus on policies that contribute to social injustices and policies that foster the creation, enhancement, or promotion of violence.

Social Work Practicum - SWK 490

Supervised practice in a social agency approved by Field Education Coordinator. A minimum of 300 hours over the course of the semester plus a weekly seminar is required. Application must be made through Field Education Coordinator the semester preceding placement.

EKU UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

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CHOOSE 3 OF THE FOLLOWING:

Stress Management & Self Care - SWK 344

focusing on developing lifetime habits of wellness and self-care for the helping professions. Major focus on experiential, evidence-based stress management exercises.

Crisis Intervention - SWK 365

This course will examine current theories pertaining to crisis intervention, assessment strategies, key public policy issues, and the treatment system.

Addictions - SWK 440

This course will examine how to assess, intervene, and treat individuals, families, and groups with substance abuse and other addictions. The course will examine addictions from a strengths perspective.

Selected Topics in Social Work - SWK 455

Course content will be determined by interests and developments in the profession.

Assessing Needs of Older Adults - SWK 457

Examines societal values relating to the elderly; psycho-social needs of the elderly; community-based and institutional services; and dynamics of working with the elderly and their families.

SUPPORTING COURSES...9 HOURS

Introduction to Psychology - PSY 200

A survey of the major content areas and methods of psychology, including history, biological correlates, cognition, language, intelligence, motivation, emotion, development, personality, abnormal, therapy, and social behavior.

Introductory Sociology - SOC 131

Basic principles in sociology, including socialization, groups and interaction, culture, social structure and institutions (family, education, religion, politics, economics), crime/deviance, social inequalities (race, class, gender), and sociological research methods and theories.

Social Statistics - SOC 232

Statistical analysis of survey data, including forming sociological research questions, variable selection, analysis, interpretation, and writing in standard scientific form.

FREE ELECTIVES...21 HOURS

TOTAL...120 HOURS

What can I do with this degree?

CAREER OUTLOOK

Social work is a versatile, purpose-driven profession that prepares you to positively impact the lives of individuals and families, as well as the performance of groups and organizations. A degree in social work can open doors to new job opportunities that can strengthen our communities.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 11 percent through 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment growth and compensation will be driven by increased demand for healthcare and social services. Relative to a number of factors within a community, the most competitive employers include hospitals, government agencies, and educational institutions based in urban areas.

Industries Hiring Social Work Graduates:

- Child, Family and School Services
- Medicine
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Criminal Justice System
- Military and Veterans Affairs Agencies
- Administration and Community

SALARY ESTIMATES

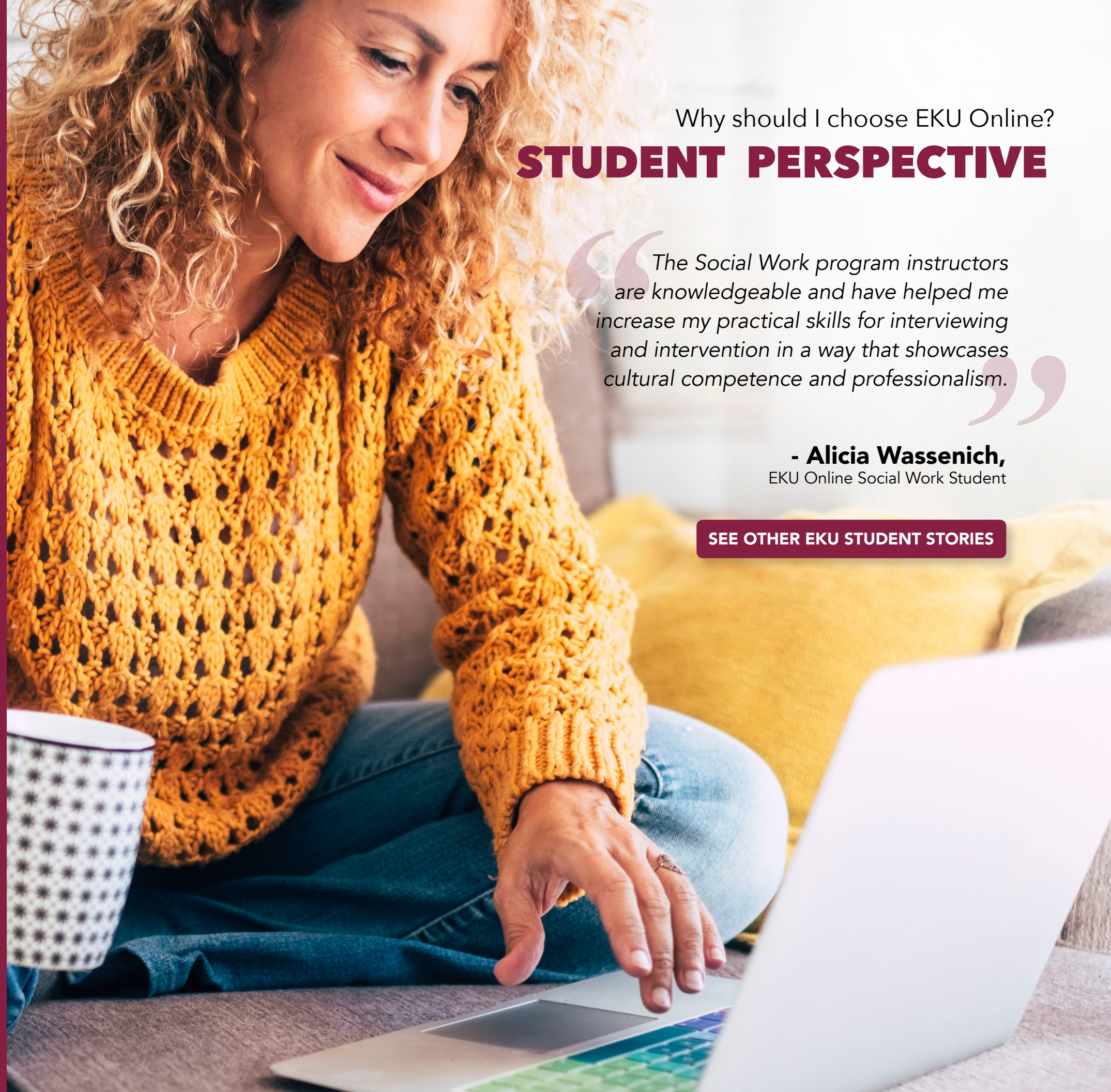
Why should I choose ECU Online?

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

The Social Work program instructors are knowledgeable and have helped me increase my practical skills for interviewing and intervention in a way that showcases cultural competence and professionalism.

- Alicia Wassenich,
EQU Online Social Work Student

SEE OTHER ECU STUDENT STORIES



Can I afford to go back to school?

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Paying for school doesn't have to be overwhelming. Almost everyone, regardless of income, can qualify for some form of financial aid. We're here to help you learn about available options and what may be right for your unique situation.

- Grants
- Federal Loans
- Private Loans
- Military Benefits
- Departmental Scholarships
- Outside Scholarships
- Foundation Scholarships
- Employer Tuition Reimbursement

MORE FINANCIAL AID INFO

Questions about financial aid?

Big E Central

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EKU Online offers a range of scholarships designed to address the financial needs of our students, lower the overall cost of attendance and reward a student's scholastic achievements.

EKU UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Start Strong Scholarship Fund (undergraduate programs only)

The Start Strong Scholarship provides up to \$2,000 per year of need-based scholarship funds for newly admitted undergraduate students. Candidates must have a completed FAFSA application, but are not required to be eligible for FAFSA awarded funding.

Stay Strong Scholarship Fund (undergraduate programs only)

The Stay Strong Scholarship provides up to \$1,000 per year of need-based scholarship funds for qualified undergraduate students who have completed two semesters with EKU Online and have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher their previous semester. Candidates must have a completed FAFSA application, but are not required to be eligible for FAFSA awarded funding.

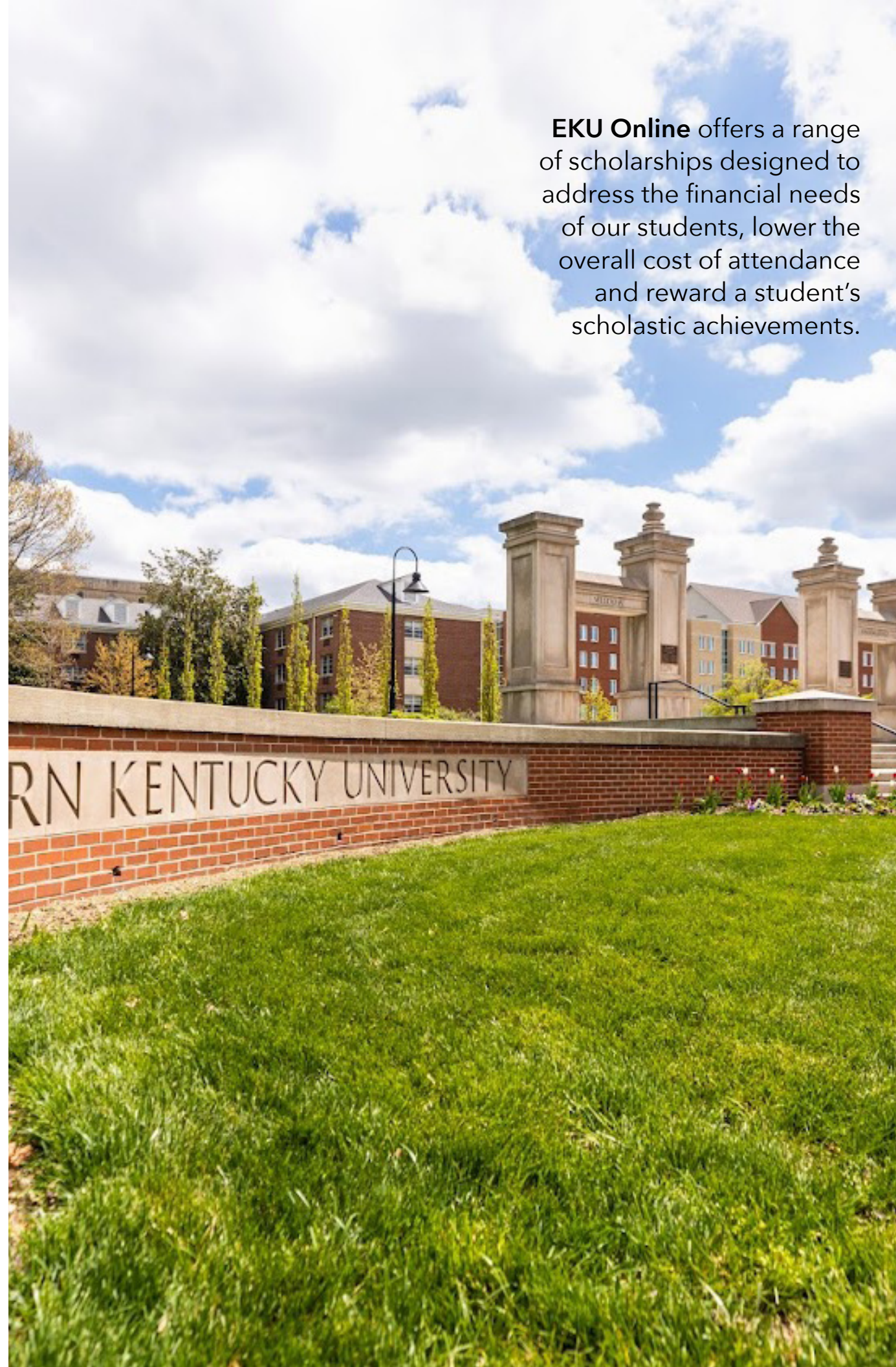
Omega Nu Lambda Honor Society Scholarship Fund

In recognition of your accomplishments as an online student, Omega Nu Lambda Honor Society provides members with an opportunity to apply for a scholarship in both fall and spring. Fall scholarships are announced in November and spring are announced in April.

EKU Foundation Scholarship

The Eastern Kentucky University Foundation, through the generosity of its donors, offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to deserving students. EKU Foundation scholarships are awarded through the University Scholarship Office and at college and department levels. New and renewable awards of [EKU Foundation scholarships](#) are subject to available funds each year.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP INFO



When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall A	July 5	August
Fall B	August 31	October
Spring A	November 30	January
Spring B	January 31	March
Summer A	April 5	May
Summer B	May 31	June

What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First-Time Freshman

- Standard Admission:
high school cumulative GPA (unweighted): 2.50 or higher
- Success First Admission:
high school cumulative GPA (unweighted): 2.00-2.49
- Minimum high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

While test scores are not required for admissions purposes, students are encouraged to submit test scores for proper course placement in English and mathematics courses.

Transfer Students

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- In good academic and financial standing at previous institution
- Students who have earned 23 hours or fewer of college credits after high school graduation must also provide a final high school transcript and meet the requirements for incoming freshmen

ADMISSION INFORMATION

How do I apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS

First-time Freshman:

Step 1: Complete the free online application at:

https://application.eku.edu/portal/apply_eku

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Step 2: Submit your high school transcripts to the Office of Admissions.

Step 3: Submit ACT or SAT scores (not required, but encouraged for determining appropriate course placement).

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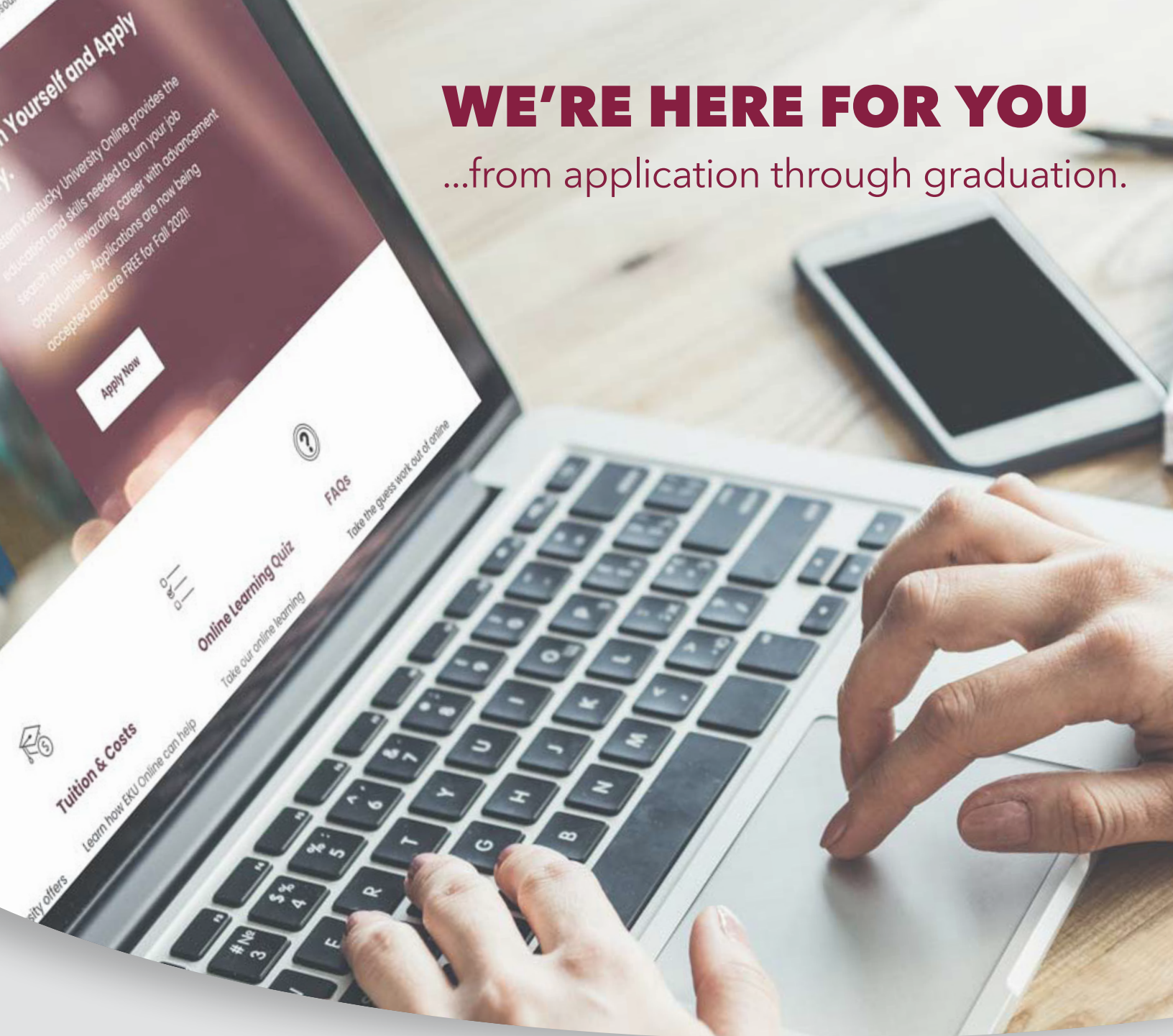
Step 2: Send us your high school transcript (if you have 23 or fewer credit hours).

Step 3: [Send us your official transcripts](#) from each accredited university you attended, including dual credit from high school.

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

...from application through graduation.



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Enrollment Advisor



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