

**Interim Policy
On Full-Time Student Status
For Kentucky's Scholar House Program**
In use during the COVID-19 State & National emergency
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Overview

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency declared by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear on March 6, 2020 and the National Emergency declared by President Donald Trump on March 13, 2020, Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) issues interim guidance to our partners.

Current Challenges for Scholar House Programs

According to the [Scholar House Guidebook](#):

c. Residents must currently be, or enrolled to be, full-time students in pursuit of a degree or specialty program at an institution of higher learning...KHC defines a full-time student as one carrying 12 hours per semester, or 6 hours per quarter. (Page 1, Section 1. Operations/Administration, Item C.)

Attending college/university full-time is difficult and often impossible for single parents as campuses have closed to in-person classroom instruction, childcare facilities have closed, and computer labs and libraries have closed.

Waiver of Full-Time Student Status Requirement for Scholar House Programs

KHC waives the requirement that Scholar House applicants and participants be enrolled in an approved college or university as a full-time student.

KHC expects Scholar House applicants and participants to make every effort to engage in online courses pursuant to their degree. No applicants should be admitted who do not plan to return to full-time student status when pandemic restrictions are lifted.

This waiver will be in effect through the end of calendar year 2020. Should colleges and universities continue to suspend on-campus classroom participation and/or should childcare facilities continue to remain closed due to the pandemic, KHC will consider extending this waiver.

Individual Public Housing Authorities May Choose to Adopt this Waiver

For Scholar House units supported by KHC's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, this waiver applies. For Scholar House units support by other public housing authorities' HCV Programs, it is up to each PHA to determine if it wishes to adopt this waiver.

What KHC Asks of our Scholar House Partners

Follow Governor Beshear's directives available at kycovid19.ky.gov, including recent [Healthy at Work](#) guidance. Notify KHC of any organizational changes such as an agency shut down, furloughing of staff, a confirmed case of COVID-19 that halts work, or any other changes that will impact projects.

All other program regulations, guidance and agreements must be adhered to as usual unless otherwise modified by Kentucky Housing Corporation in subsequent notices.

Changes to program policy will be announced
via KHC [eGrams](#) and KHC's [COVID-19 Response webpage](#).