



KENTUCKY  
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## 2026 ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION STUDENT APPLICATION

*(NO handwritten applications will be accepted)*

All students must be at least a junior or senior with at least one full year of classes left to complete their undergraduate degree at their home university.

**Please sign Page 4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for ESU scholarship to \_\_\_\_\_ to study \_\_\_\_\_

College affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits enrolled in Summer/Fall 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits enrolled for Spring of 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree you are pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

Other colleges attended, dates, credits earned: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal email address: \_\_\_\_\_ University email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_ Green card holder: \_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA post-freshman year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anticipated completion date for undergraduate degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated career plans/graduate degree study plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work experience (please list current or most recent employer first):

Name of Employer	Duties	Dates of employment	Hours per week
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Leadership experiences, community service, and school activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Creative and research interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal and extra-curricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the most significant course you have taken in college? What impact has it had on your way of thinking, or your long-term personal goals?

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If you are selected as a scholar, describe how you would become an ambassador for the ESU on your university's campus upon your return from your summer in the United Kingdom.

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Foreign travel/foreign study, if any (cite nature of experience and approximate length of time):

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Please list all post-secondary scholarships/awards received within the last 4 years:

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Languages, other than English, in which you have some proficiency:

Language(s)	Speaking	Reading	Oral Comprehension
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Please attach the following materials to your application:

1. Official college transcripts for all academic credits completed or attempted beyond secondary level. Campus Representatives should forward copies of the final fall grade reports for the nominated candidates to the ESU, KY Branch Scholarship Coordinator as soon as the grades are posted.
2. Letters of recommendation from two members of the faculty at your home institution.
3. A two to three-page (double-spaced, single sided) personal statement indicating your intellectual goals in applying for the ESU TLab-UK Scholarship with a description of the specific course of study you would like to pursue through the programs offered as a part of the ESU TLab-UK (consult <https://www.esuus.org/what-we-do/teachers-learning-abroad/> for more information), and your area-specific qualifications to undertake the program of study you have selected. Your statement should give evidence of your writing abilities, maturity, motivation, and your adaptability to new circumstances. How do your objectives for studying abroad compare to the ESU's mission and objectives? How will you apply the personal experience of British culture upon your return home? You will be required to write papers which will be graded by the institution you select. Your statement should reflect your ability and willingness to write such papers.

**Campus Representatives:** Please include 6 copies PLUS the original of each student's application, personal essay, letters of recommendation, and official college transcript. Therefore, a **TOTAL of 7 sets of applications** (1 original and 6 copies) should be included in a complete application packet.

**Please note that universities in the United Kingdom do not always have access for individuals with physical disabilities.**

**All essays and letters of recommendation MUST be printed on single-sided paper. NO double-sided personal documents will be accepted in the application process.**

**Please sign below to acknowledge that you understand that if your complete application is not postmarked to the address listed below, your application will be deemed as late and will not be considered by the Scholarship Committee of the Kentucky Branch, English Speaking Union.**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

**FOR THE 2026 SUBMISSION, EACH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION MAY ELECT ONE STUDENT FOR THE STATE-LEVEL COMPETITION.** The selected application should be submitted through the Campus Representative by **NOVEMBER 1, 2025** to:

Dr. Ted Scharre, ESU-KY Branch Scholarship Coordinator  
1119 Carriage Lane  
New Albany, IN 47150  
Email: [tedscharre@gmail.com](mailto:tedscharre@gmail.com)

If applicable, students will be contacted by the ESU Kentucky Scholarship Committee for an interview date in November.

*Please note: this is a 2-tier application process. If you are awarded an ESU TLab Scholarship, you will then need to complete the UK institution's application and forward to the ESU for submission by March/April for their specific deadlines (TBA in early 2026). Final acceptance is determined and notified by the UK institution via email in April/May 2026.*