Pendleton County Skills U

Classes held at Pendleton County Library

W 5:30-7:00pm & Sat 9:00am- 12:00pm

Mailing Address

390 N. Main

Williamstown, KY 41097

Date

Recipient Name

Title

Company Name

Street Address

City, ST ZIP Code

Dear Recipient Name:

Pendleton County Skills U, formerly Adult Education, provides a number of services to Adults in our community to help them obtain their educational and vocational goals. Kentucky Skills U is a nonprofit, governmental agency that provides free services to our students. Some students may not familiar with our new name, but many come to us because they know we are the group that can help them obtain their GED.

The GED test is a challenging test. It requires students to show college/ career readiness in Reading and Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and, Math. The Official GED test is a proctored exam offered through the third party publisher (Pearson Education) who offers the test nationwide to the public via their online platform.

The official test is $30 per subject for a min of $**120** payable to the test publisher. In the past, Skills U has offered scholarships to our students to help defray the cost of testing. Due to budget reductions across the state educational system KY Skills U is unable to provide scholarships to our students at this time and the cost of official testing is our entirely our student’s obligation.

The $120 required for GED testing represents a significant barrier that many of our students are unable to overcome. Many of our students, working low wage jobs, often with multiple dependents, are unable to find an additional $120 in their budgets and are unable to pay for GED testing, which often holds the keys to secondary education and vocational training which would allow them to improve their earning potential. For many of our students it is a catch 22.

Many of our students face additional hurdles that make the financial burden of testing an unsurmountable obstacle. Low skilled students are 2x as likely to be unemployed; are 4x as likely to be in poor health; and 8x as likely to be incarcerated.

Therefore, Pendleton Skills U is asking our community partners and stakeholder to consider donating GED test vouchers. $240 would help 2 students to pay for testing that could potentially change their and their family lives. We would be more than happy to discuss this request with you and your organization. Also, please feel free to share our contact info with any party or organization that you think might be interested with helping our studnets

Sincerely,

Pendleton County Skills U

**Recruitment for Pendleton County 2019-2020**

Pendleton will identify potential contributors from:

1. **Falmouth Outlook Newspaper** 8. **Pendleton Co. Health Dept**

 210 Main Street 329 Ky. 330

 654-3332 654-6985

2. **Chamber of Commerce** 9. **Pendleton Co. Circuit Ct.**

 230 Main Street 120 Ridgeway

 654-0027 654-3347

3. **City of Falmouth 10.Wyatt’s Grocery**

 230 Main Street Shelby St.

 654-6937

4. **No. KY. Community Action 11. Snappy Tomato Pizza**

 311 Park Street

 654-4054

5. **St. Vincent de Paul 12. Frysc at Pend. Co Schools**

 518 Barkley Street

 654-2444

6. **Social Services Office 13. Early Bird Laundry**

 510 Market Street

 654-3381

7. Low Income Housing 14. North Key Comp. Care

 **Housing Authority of Falmouth**

 412 Beech Street

 654-8492

15. **Head Start**

 Barkley St.

16. **New Hope Center**

 Shelby St.

17. **Howard’s Café**

 US 27

18. **Bluegrass Discount Tobacco**

19**. PC Board of Education**

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