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• **PURPOSE** •

The KAGE Foundation, established in 1984, provides financial assistance to qualified elementary and secondary students throughout Kentucky who, because of financial need, would otherwise be discouraged from participating in the summer gifted programs offered by Kentucky's public universities. These programs provide highly capable students with curricula different from that in most regular classrooms and, most importantly, offer opportunities for such students to work with their intellectual peers.

• **TRUSTEES** •

The KAGE Foundation's five-member Board of Trustees meets annually and is dedicated to acquiring, managing, and allocating funds for scholarship assistance. The chairperson also serves on the KAGE Board in order to assure effective communication between the Foundation and KAGE.

• **FUNDING** •

Funds entrusted to the KAGE Foundation are segregated from general KAGE funds and are invested under the supervision of the Foundation Board of Trustees. Investment guidelines stress safety and liquidity through the use of U.S. government or U.S. government-guaranteed securities. An independent audit is issued annually by the Board of Trustees. From time to time, the KAGE Foundation may be called upon to administer other private funds received on behalf of gifted education in Kentucky.

• **AWARD PHILOSOPHY** •

Financial Assistance to the summer gifted programs is awarded to highly qualified students primarily on the basis of individual financial need. Statewide geographical dispersion is also considered. As a rule, only partial financial assistance is awarded. This policy allows the student's family and/or community to show commitment, and allows limited funds to serve as many students as possible. Applications for Foundation assistance are available after January 1 from the KAGE office or www.wku.edu/kage.foundation.html.

• **KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED EDUCATION** •

The Kentucky Association for Gifted Education, Inc. (KAGE) is an organization of parents, educators, and other concerned citizens who are interested in being advocates for appropriate educational opportunities for gifted and talented children and youth in Kentucky. Active since 1979, KAGE is a non-profit volunteer organization affiliated with the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC). There are KAGE chapters located throughout Kentucky.

All KAGE members are encouraged to include a contribution to the KAGE Foundation when sending in their annual KAGE membership dues. Any amount is appreciated.

• **GIFTED STUDENTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT** •

Please consider a donation to the KAGE Foundation.

Like KAGE, the KAGE Foundation is non-profit, and each contributor is entitled to a tax deduction if applicable. All contributors will receive recognition in the KAGE UPDATE and in the Foundation's annual report.

Checks should be made payable to the KAGE Foundation and sent to the KAGE office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

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