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Recipient Name

Street Address, City, ST ZIP Code

Dear **Recipient**,

The SkillsU Kenton County Adult Education Program provides a variety of *free* academic and essential skills instruction to adults in the county:

* GED preparation
* College entrance test preparation
* English Language Acquisition
* College/GED dual enrollment support
* Employability skills
* KY Essential Skills certification

These services can be found throughout Kenton county on Gateway college campuses, at social service agencies/libraries, and in correctional/rehabilitation facilities. The need for these services in our county is great:

* Despite significant progress, there are still 347,000 Kentuckians ages 18-64 without high school/GED® diplomas.
* 13% of Kentucky adults are at Level 1 and 29% are at Level 2 in literacy rates. Low-skilled adults are two times more likely to be unemployed, three times as likely to live in poverty, four times as likely to be in poor health, and eight times as likely to be incarcerated.
* By 2020, 62% of all jobs in Kentucky will require some level of post-secondary education.
* The percentage of students nationally and in the competitor states who are “college ready” in all four subjects is higher than it is in Kentucky, 27 and 24 percent respectively.
* A skills gap survey of advanced manufacturing executives reported the percentage of those who indicated current employees are not sufficient in the following key skills: 70% technology/computer skills, 60% math skills, 69% problem-solving skills, and 67% basic technical training.

SkillsU Adult Education impacts the community by increasing the skilled labor pool. From 2000 to 2016, there was a 35% decline in the number of working-age Kentuckians without a high school/GED diploma. Approximately 25% of Kentucky's GED graduates enroll in Kentucky's colleges and universities within two academic years.

We would like to extend the opportunity for you to support the community you serve by sponsoring an adult education student. Our GED preparation services are free. However, the cost of the GED test is $120. This can be a real hardship for many of our students.

**Each $120 donation will allow a student to complete their high school equivalency, prepare to go to college, or prepare to go to work.** This can transform not just one person’s life, but the lives of their children, as well as contribute to a higher standard of living in our county.

Your support will also increase awareness about your organization to local and statewide educators and administrators. We hope that you will consider joining us in shaping our community by assisting us in creating independent, skilled citizens. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

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Coordinator

Adult Education