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KHEAA publishes the *Counselor Connection* to share information about student financial aid, college preparation and college planning. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send them to publications@kheaa.com.



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KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEAA Outreach will continue to provide live help this spring via Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Some sessions will include Kentucky-specific as well as general information.

The schedule is:

Feb. 7: FAFSA February: Student Experience, **Facebook**

Feb. 15: FAFSA February: FAFSA Facts, **Twitter**

Feb. 21: FAFSA February: FAFSA Fast Facts, **YouTube**

Feb. 28: [FAFSA February: What's Next for Financial Aid?](#), **Webinar**

March 7: For the Win: Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?, **Facebook**

March 14: For the Win: Financial Aid Pyramid, **Twitter**

March 21: For the Win: Outreach Counselors Play Financial Aid Blank Slate, **YouTube**

March 28: [For the Win: FAFSA Family Feud](#), **Webinar**

April 4: Smart Money: If I Could Turn Back Time, **Facebook**

April 11: Smart Money: How to Be Financially Savvy, **Twitter**

April 25: [Smart Money: Paying for College](#), **Webinar**

May 2: Decisions, Decisions: Making Your College Choice, **Facebook**

May 9: Decisions, Decisions: Planning for Junior/Senior Year, **Twitter**

May 16: Decisions, Decisions: Education Loans, **YouTube**

May 23: [Decisions, Decisions: Beyond the Final Step](#), **Webinar**

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/

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Scholarship Spotlight

American Legion Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- Be an Alabama resident.
- Be the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a war veteran who is also an Alabama resident.
- Attend a participating school.

Award: Tuition, fees and board expenses

Deadline: April 1

Application: American Legion, Scholarship, P.O. Box 1069, Montgomery, AL 36102 (send a self-addressed stamped envelope); www.legional.org (download application).



SAT will go digital in 2024, shorten test time to 2 hours

The SAT will go digital in 2024, and the test will be shortened from three to two hours, according to the College Board.

The PSAT/NMSQT, which determines what students will be National Merit semifinalists, will also go digital. SAT scores help determine which students will be National Merit finalists and scholarship winners.

The tests will still be administered in a school or in a test center with a proctor present. Students will still have access to free practice resources on [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org).

Among the changes: the digital SAT will be shorter — about two hours instead of three for the current SAT, with more time per question. The digital test will feature shorter reading passages with one question tied to each, and passages will reflect a wider range of topics that represent the works students read in college. Calculators will be allowed on the entire math section. Students will receive their scores in days.

Another change is that SAT score reports will also give students information about local two-year college, workforce training programs, and career options.

Students who don't have their own laptop or tablet or cannot get one from their schools will be given one to use when they take their test.

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ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
April 2, 2022	Feb. 25, 2022	TBD
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	TBD
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	TBD

SAT National Test Dates

March 12, 2022	Feb. 11, 2022	March 25, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	May 20, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	July 13, 2022

What students should do after filing the FAFSA

After completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), students can take other steps to ensure they receive as much money for college as possible.

Submitting the FAFSA is especially important for students who are expecting to receive financial aid from programs with limited funds or with early deadlines.

Students should apply for as many scholarships as they can. Thousands of scholarships are offered by schools, companies and other organizations.

Once students submit the FAFSA, it will take several days for the application to be processed.

Students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) that recaps the information from their FAFSA. Students should review the SAR to ensure the information is complete and accurate. If they need to make changes, they can do so at studentaid.gov under Apply for Aid.

The SAR will also be sent to each college that students list on the FAFSA. Students should check with the financial aid offices at the schools to which they've applied to make sure the SAR was received and if the school requires more paperwork.

Students should also contact schools if their family's situation changes in a major way after completing the FAFSA. They may be able to request a review from the school to see if they may qualify for more funds.

