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Students should know these financial aid terms

As high school seniors and their parents begin the college financial aid process, they should know these terms.

- **Conversion scholarship/loan.** This type of scholarship requires students to provide certain services. If they don't provide the service, the scholarship becomes a loan.
- **Cost of attendance.** The total cost of one year of college: tuition, fees, room, meals, supplies, transportation and personal items.
- **Expected family contribution.** The EFC is the amount the student and family are expected to pay for the student's education. It is based on a formula set by Congress.
- **FAFSA.** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid must be submitted by students applying for federal and state aid. The best way to do so is at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>.
- **Financial need.** The difference between the cost of attendance and the EFC.
- **Institutional aid.** The scholarships, grants and other financial aid programs provided by the college.
- **Verification.** The process of making sure the information submitted on the FAFSA is correct. The federal government requires colleges to have a certain number of students' FAFSA information verified.

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Scholarship Spotlight

Young Heroes Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a resident of Alabama,
- be in grades 9–12,
- not be more than 18 years old, and
- be nominated for APT’s Young Heroes Award in recognition of student’s academic achievement, public service and inspiration of others by overcoming adversity.

Nominations must be submitted online at <https://aptv.org/education/young-heroes/>.

Number: 5

Award: \$5,000

Deadline: Jan. 10

Contact: Alabama Public Television, Attn: Dwayne Johnson, 2112 11th Avenue South, #400, Birmingham AL 35205; 800.239.5233; djohnson@aptv.org; www.aptv.org

New programs considered for community colleges

Five new programs at three of Alabama’s community colleges were discussed by the Alabama Community College System’s board of directors at its Nov. 10 meeting.

The proposed programs, which would begin in the spring 2021 semester, are:

- **Calhoun Community College:** AAS degrees in criminal justice and in visual communication/multimedia production technology.
- **Jefferson State Community College:** An AAS degree in histologic technician.
- **Enterprise State Community College:** An AAS degree in composites materials technology and a certificate in licensed practical nursing.

Decisions of the proposed programs are proposed for the board’s Dec. 9 meeting.



KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEAA Outreach will continue to provide live help in November and December via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Some information in the sessions could be specific to Kentucky (KHEAA’s location) as well as general information. The schedule is:

- **Nov. 17:** Next Steps November: Checking In, **Facebook**
- **Nov. 18:** Next Steps November: Navigating Verification, **Twitter**
- **Nov. 19:** Next Steps November: Keeping Up Over Break, **Instagram**
- **Dec. 1:** Considering Your Options: Certificates, Diplomas, and Associate Degrees, **Facebook**
- **Dec. 2:** Considering Your Options: Bachelor’s Degrees and Beyond, **Twitter**
- **Dec. 8:** Winter Break: KHEAA’s Holiday Party, **Facebook**
- **Dec. 9:** Winter Break: What to do Over Break, **Twitter**
- **Dec. 10:** Winter Break: Exploring Student Aid with KHEAA, **Instagram**

All sessions begin at 2 p.m. Central.

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/

www.twitter.com/KHEAA

www.instagram.com/kheaaoutreach/?hl=en