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West Jessamine High School participated in College Decision Day in 2018.

Schools can register for KY Goes to College campaigns

Kentucky high schools can now register to participate in any of the four Kentucky Goes to College campaigns for the 2022–2023 school year.

Schools that want to take part in the Kentucky College Application Campaign, FAFSA for the Win Challenge, College Decision Day or Close the Deal should register on kygoestocollege.com no later than May 30 to receive free materials from KHEAA, which coordinates the campaigns.

“Participating in these campaigns is a great way for high schools to build excitement and increase their students’ awareness of postsecondary education paths,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Students who aren’t immediately interested in pursuing a four-year degree should still explore their options. They may realize that a short-term certificate or two-year degree can be their ticket to a better future.”

Schools can participate in as many programs as they like.

Registration by May 30 will ensure KHEAA can order and distribute materials to schools in time for fall programs. Registration will be available beyond May 30, but schools that register after the deadline will not be guaranteed free materials.

The kygoestocollege.com site offers resources and tools to help school counselors, community leaders or college access providers implement one or more of these programs.

For more information, contact Kim Dolan, Director of Outreach Services, at 502-759-1776 or kdolan@kheaa.com.

Students will see increase in Kentucky’s grant awards

Kentucky students who need help paying for their technical and college education will be eligible for an additional \$38.2 million in state grants for the 2022–2023 academic year.

The maximum College Access Program (CAP) award for students attending four-year public and private colleges and universities will increase to \$5,300, up from \$2,900 in 2021–2022.

For students in two-year schools, the maximum CAP award will increase to \$2,500 from this year’s \$2,200.

Students attending Kentucky’s private colleges and universities will also see an increase in the Kentucky Tuition Grant (KTG) program. The maximum KTG award for 2022–2023 will increase from \$2,980 to \$3,200.

“Our students are the future of Kentucky, and I’m pleased to announce they can now take advantage of this extra funding for CAP and KTG grants,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “These funds will help undergraduate students achieve their educational goals without having to borrow as much in student loans.”

The General Assembly increased the CAP grant program’s base General Fund appropriation to \$134.1 million for 2022–2023, nearly a 40 percent increase over 2021–2022.

CAP and KTG are administered by KHEAA.

“The combination of CAP and Federal Pell Grant awards will cover tuition and mandatory fees at the community colleges and nearly all of that amount at the four-year public universities,” said Diana Barber, KHEAA’s Interim Executive Director.

CAP, KTG and KEES are all funded by Kentucky Lottery proceeds.

Student storytelling competition

Kentuckians between the ages of 7 and 17 are invited to enter the Kentucky Youth Storytelling competition.

Video entries of a solo storyteller or a tandem team telling a single story may be submitted via electronic link or mailed DVD postmarked no later than June 1.

For more information, visit kystory.org.



KHEAA website promotes students' financial literacy

Kentuckians interested in financial literacy can find information and links to interactive games on KHEAA's website.

“Young children who play interactive games can learn about financial literacy while they're having fun,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Teaching kids the basics about money early in life will help them learn how to work hard toward their goals, from their first chores, to their first job, all the way into their career.”

Games and other information can be found on kheaa.com under the [Money Management](#) tab.

The page provides links to information about budgeting, saving and borrowing that are suitable for older students. Younger children can find links to games that teach them about money and personal finance.

KHEAA also provides free copies of “It’s Money, Baby,” a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com. Please remember to include a mailing address when ordering copies. The booklet can be accessed [online](#).

Kentuckians urged to observe 529 Day

KY Saves 529, the state's official education savings plan, urges Kentuckians to observe 529 Day by starting a savings account for as little as \$25.

“529 Day is celebrated each May 29 to remind families of the importance of saving for children's education expenses,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Using KY Saves 529, families can save for costs associated with college, trade school, and K–12 education. Another benefit is that withdrawals made for qualified educational expenses are exempt from state and federal taxes.”

Qualified educational expenses include:

- Tuition.
- Room and board.
- Fees.
- Computers and laptops.
- Books.
- Tools and other supplies required by a student's program.

Section 529 of the federal tax code covers education savings plans and gives its name to such plans.

Officially the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust, KY 529 Saves is administered by KHEAA. The program offers several investment options.

For more about KY Saves 529, visit kysaves.com.

Need Help?

We all need a hand from time to time. That's where Advantage Education Loans come in.

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KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach presentations

KHEAA Outreach will continue to provide live help in the spring via Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

The schedule is:

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**

All sessions begin at 7 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Central.

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/

www.twitter.com/KHEAA/

www.youtube.com/user/KHEAAMascot/

Reminders

May 2: Deadline for applying for KHEAA's Teacher Scholarship program. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and Kentucky residents. For more information, visit kheaa.com.

May 15: Deadline to enter KHEAA's vlogger contest, open to students who will be high school seniors in the fall. For complete rules, visit kygoestocollege.com.

May 31: Deadline to enter KHEAA's scholarship essay contest, open to students who will be high school juniors in the fall. For complete rules, visit kheaa.com.



Scholarship Spotlight

Kentucky Poultry Federation Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be the child or grandchild of an employee of a poultry company, the child or grandchild of a grower who is a member of the KPF or the child or grandchild of an allied member of the KPF; be a resident of Kentucky; be a graduating high school senior or a student currently attending a college, university or technical training program; submit an application, 2 essays, signature page, electronic or scanned transcript, 2 letters of recommendation from individuals who know the applicant and applicant's abilities and potential, and proof of registration from a college, university, or technical training program. The recipient must attend the Kentucky Poultry Festival Hall of Fame Banquet.

Award: \$2,000; renewable

Number: 4

Deadline: June 30. Apply at www.kypoultry.org

Contact: School counselor or Kentucky Poultry Federation, jguffey@kypoultry.org

ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	TBD
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	TBD

SAT National Test Dates

June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	July 13, 2022
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