

# Counselor *Connection*



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# Social media sessions set for Financial Literacy Month

April is Financial Literacy Month, and KHEAA will promote financial knowledge during its April social media informational sessions.

“Financial literacy is critical for students’ success as they pursue higher education and build their lives and careers,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “These informative sessions from KHEAA can help prepare Kentuckians of all ages to manage their finances and work toward their goals.”

The KHEAA social media sessions scheduled for April are:

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

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

**April 18:** Smart Money: Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship, **YouTube**

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

All events begin at 7 p.m. Eastern time, 6 p.m. Central.

For more information about KHEAA social media events in other months, see story on page 3.



## Flyer gives 8th-graders tips about high school success

Kentucky eighth-graders headed for high school in the fall should check out “High School Basics,” a four-page flyer from KHEAA.

“Kentucky students have endured two years of a pandemic, and many in Western Kentucky are dealing with the aftermath of the tornadoes that stuck their communities in December,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “As our eighth-graders prepare to enter high school, this free flyer is an excellent resource to help them transition into freshman year so they can make the most of their high school experience.”

“High School Basics” includes information about:

- Credits and graduation requirements;
- Calculating a GPA;
- Reading a high school transcript;
- The Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES); and
- Earning college credit while in high school.

Free copies are available by emailing [publications@kheaa.com](mailto:publications@kheaa.com). Please remember to include a mailing address along with your request. An [online version](#) is available on [kheaa.com](http://kheaa.com).

## Students encouraged to apply for school advisory council

Students in public high schools can apply for 13 positions on the 2022–2023 Commissioner’s Student Advisory Council. Applicants must be sophomores, juniors or seniors in 2022–2023.

The council meets with the commissioner and Kentucky Department of Education staff to provide feedback from a student perspective on issues impacting Kentucky’s students and schools.

KDE is seeking students with ideas about how schools and student achievement can be improved. Students from diverse academic, geographic, demographic and school size backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is April 4. Interested students should apply via [Google](#).



# Students, parents should take verification seriously

The federal government requires many students who submit the FAFSA to verify the information they reported. The U.S. Department of Education chooses the students whose FAFSA information is verified. Their parents may also be required to provide information.

“Verification ensures that the students who really need financial aid to pay for college or technical training receive it,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Students chosen for verification must complete the process before they can receive financial aid, so families should prepare to provide the requested information as quickly as possible.”

As soon as students are notified their FAFSA is being verified, they should begin the process. Putting it off will only lead to frustration if the process isn’t finished when classes are ready to start.

Many colleges do the verification themselves. Others have an agency handle the process. KHEAA provides verification services to over 30 schools, about half of them in Kentucky.

## Free copies of scholarship book available from KHEAA

KHEAA has about 150 copies of the latest edition of *Affording Higher Education* available. Anyone who would like a free copy may request one by emailing [publications@kheaa.com](mailto:publications@kheaa.com). We reserve the right to limit the number of copies that anyone can receive.



## First-time student loan borrowers must complete entrance counseling

Kentuckians who are borrowing their first federal student loans for the coming academic year must complete entrance counseling.

“Many students take out loans to help them pay for higher education,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “If you apply for a loan, entrance counseling can help you make sure you understand the responsibility that goes along with borrowing money and have a plan for repaying the loans.”

The U.S. Department of Education requires borrowers to complete entrance counseling before they can receive loan funds.

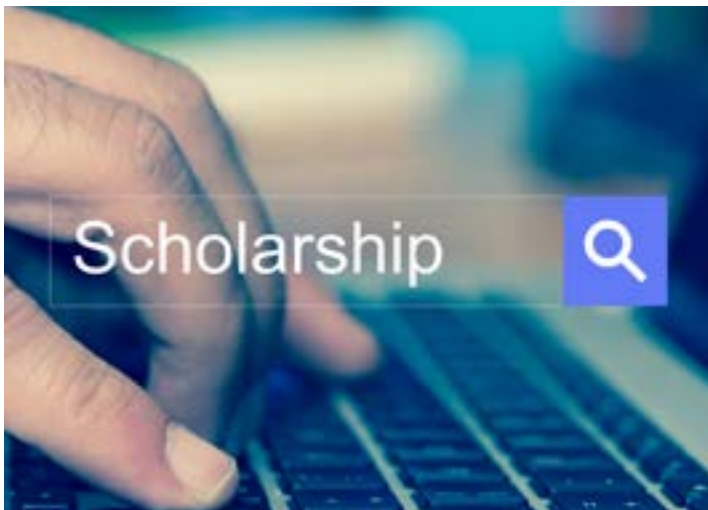
The department offers online counseling at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) under the Complete Aid Process tab. The counseling should take between 20 to 30 minutes. Borrowers should check with their college to see if the federal counseling session is accepted as some schools have alternate counseling program requirements.

### 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

May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	May 20, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	July 13, 2022



# Scholarship Spotlight

## Women Leading Kentucky

### High School Senior Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be a female Kentucky high school senior; be enrolling in the fall in a Kentucky college or university; demonstrate leadership in community and high school; have at least a 3.0 GPA; and submit an online application, a copy of transcript, a 400-word essay and a letter of recommendation. Apply online at <http://womenleadingky.com/scholarship-application>.

**Award:** \$1,000 to \$1,500

**Number:** 1

**Deadline:** April 1

## 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:

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

**March 28:** For the Win: FAFSA Family Feud, **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/](http://www.facebook.com/KHEAA/)

[www.twitter.com/KHEAA/](http://www.twitter.com/KHEAA/)

[www.youtube.com/user/KHEAAMascot/](http://www.youtube.com/user/KHEAAMascot/)

## Essay contest continues

KHEAA is accepting entries in its “Promote Your School” essay contest. The deadline is May 31.

One important reminder: **KHEAA, because of its federal security protocols, cannot accept entries sent by Google docs or other file-sharing sites.**

To enter, email the entry to [publications@kheaa.com](mailto:publications@kheaa.com) or mail it to KHEAA Publications, PO Box 798, Frankfort KY 40602-0798.

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