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### **KEES Q and A**

KEES recipients, whether they're headed to college for the first time or have already been in college, may find these questions and answers about the KEES program helpful.

#### Q. Does my KEES expire?

A. Yes. Your KEES eligibility expires when you reach the first of three conditions: 1) you've received your KEES award for eight academic terms at a participating college; 2) more than five years has passed since your high school graduation; or 3) you've earned your first bachelor's degree.

#### Q. Where can I use my KEES award?

A. You can use your KEES award at any eligible public or private college or university in Kentucky, including community and technical colleges. Students pursuing a degree in a program of study not available in Kentucky may be able to use a KEES award to attend an out-of-state, public college or university if it participates in the Academic Common Market, as designated by the Council on Postsecondary Education. For more information, visit www.cpe.ky.gov. NOTE: Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois do not participate in the ACM. You cannot use your KEES award at a college in one of those states.

## Q. If I went to college in another state, but now want to transfer to a Kentucky college, can I still use my KEES?

A. Yes, if your KEES account was in good standing when you left Kentucky and you still have eligibility remaining.

### Q. I am planning to transfer from one Kentucky college to another. What do I have to do to transfer KEES?

A. Nothing. However, KHEAA recommends you reach out to your new college's financial aid office to make sure they are aware of your KEES award, especially if you transfer between the fall and spring terms or have not received KEES from your new school within two months after classes began at your new college.

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# KHEAA essay contest deadline is May 31

Students who want to enter the KHEAA essay contest have until May 31 to do so.

The contest is for students who will be high school juniors next fall. Students must attend a school that participates in the KEES program.

To enter, the student must submit an essay about one of these subjects:

- How I will inspire others to do better.
- How education makes a stronger community.

To enter, mail the essay to KHEAA Publications, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; email it to publications@kheaa.com; or fax it to (502) 696-7574. The deadline is May 31. KHEAA cannot accept entries sent by file-sharing apps.

The essay must be no more than 200 words long and cannot mention the student's name, school, county or community. The essay topic must be shown at the top of the page. The student's name, address and high school must be listed at the bottom of the essay. For complete rules, visit www.kheaa.com.

Photos from the winning school will be used in KHEAA publications and on KHEAA websites.

#### Scholarship Spotlight

#### **Kentucky Poultry Federation Scholarship**

*Eligibility:* Must be the child or grandchild of an employee of a Kentucky 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. Application available at www.kypoultry.org. The recipient must attend the annual Kentucky Poultry Festival Hall of Fame Banquet.

Award: \$2,000; renewable

Number: 4

Deadline: June 30

Contact: Counselor or Kentucky Poultry Federation,

iguffey@kypoultry.org

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### Q. I served in the military for six years after high school. Can I still use my KEES?

A. Yes. The five-year time limit for KEES use can be extended one year for each year you serve in the military. Please email kees@kheaa.com for more information or to request an extension.

#### Q. How do I check my KEES account?

A. You can access your KEES award information 24/7 on www.kheaa.com. Simply sign into your MyKHEAA account. If you haven't set up an account, you can register to create one.

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## KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEAA outreach counselors will continue to provide live help to students, parents, and counselors via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram throughout May and June. The schedule is:

May 19: KEES Money Kahoot, Facebook

May 20: Surviving Your First Year of College, Twitter

May 21: College Admissions Game, Instagram

May 26: Surviving College, Facebook

May 27: The Impact of Covid-19 on Financial Aid, Twitter

May 28: Making a College Budget, Instagram

**June 2:** Foster and Adopted Youth Resources, Facebook

June 3: Making the Grade in College, Twitter

June 4: Soft Skills/Mock Job Interview, Instagram

June 9: Getting In, Facebook

June 10: Staying Healthy in College, Twitter

June 11: KHEAA Open Q & A, Instagram

June 16: KHEAA Trivia, Facebook

June 17: The Influence of Social Media, Twitter

**June 18:** FAFSA Dependency Questions and Issues, Instagram

June 23: Gap Funding: When You Need More for College, Facebook

June 24: Keeping Busy During Summer Break, Twitter

June 25: Scholarship Rewind: A Refresher on Finding Scholarships, Instagram

**June 30:** Donovan Goes to College: For Elementary Students, Facebook

All sessions begin at 3 p.m. Eastern, 2 p.m. Central.

The links are:

https://www.facebook.com/KHEAA/https://www.twitter.com/KHEAA

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



## ACT offers date options, online tests at home

ACT will offer a flexible schedule for summer 2020 test dates and test-at-home options for fall and winter 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

As CDC and local guidelines for safety allow, ACT will offer its June and July national test dates as scheduled. It will also provide makeup test dates for June and July. The makeup test date for the June 13 national test date will be June 20, while the makeup test date for the July 18 test date will be July 25. ACT will work with individual national test centers should they need to reschedule to the makeup test date and students will be notified in advance.

Students may also make free test date changes from the June to the July national test date.

In addition to the three previously planned fall test dates on Sept. 12, Oct. 24, and Dec. 12, ACT will also offer a remote proctoring option for the ACT in late fall or early winter. This option will let students take the test at their home on a computer.

ACT will evaluate remote proctoring as a possibility in the future for state and district testing programs.

Also, ACT will offer an individual section retest option this fall for students who want to retake only one portion of the exam.

## 'Surviving College' booklets can help freshmen, adults

Surviving College, a guide that helps college freshmen succeed during their first year on campus, is available free from KHEAA.



The 36-page booklet includes sections about:

- Majors and class schedules,
- Staying healthy and safe on campus,
- Learning styles and study tips,
- · Campus life, and
- · Financial basics.

KHEAA also provides *Surviving College for Adults*, geared toward nontraditional students.

To order a free copy, email publications@kheaa.com. Please include your mailing address.

Online versions are available on www.kheaa.com.

# CPE approves new programs at NKU, UK

The Council on Postsecondary Education recently approved three new bachelor's degree programs for the state's four-year universities. The programs are:

- Bachelor's degree in cybersecurity, Northern Kentucky University; and
- Bachelor's degrees in biomedical engineering and product design, University of Kentucky.

In other actions, the council authorized a \$1.5 million capital project at Western Kentucky University to reconfigure classrooms in its Health Sciences Complex.



#### SAT cancels June 6 test

The College Board has canceled the June 6 SAT test in wake of the coronavirus pandemic. However, students will be able to take the SAT to make up for the lost exam dates this spring, including an added test date in September.

SAT exams already set for Aug. 29, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5 will take place as scheduled unless public health concerns make them inadvisable.

To replace canceled SAT school day administrations this spring, the College Board will offer the SAT in schools this fall. Specific information about school day testing will be made available in the coming weeks so schools can create testing plans for students.

If schools do not reopen this fall, the College Board will provide a digital SAT for home use. The College Board will ensure that at-home SAT is accessible to all and valid for use in college admissions.

For national administrations, students can register beginning in May. Students who registered for June and those in the high school class of 2021 who do not have SAT scores will have early access to register for the August, September and October exams. The College Board will communicate directly with students when the exact date is available.

To help students keep their college readiness skills sharp when many schools are closed, the College Board and Khan Academy continue to provide free resources online, including full-length practice tests and learning tools at khanacademy.org/sat.