

# Counselor *Connection*



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## FAFSA Completion Initiative helps promote college access

Under the FAFSA Completion Initiative, KHEEA will provide high schools and other approved college access providers information about high school students who have completed the FAFSA.

The initiative is a partnership between KHEEA and the U.S. Department of Education. The goal is to promote college access and help students obtain financial aid to fund their education.

Through the program, KHEEA shares FAFSA completion reports each week. Participants can then encourage students who have not submitted a FAFSA to do so.

Schools, districts or designated TRIO or GEAR UP providers can call KHEEA Student Aid at 800-928-8926, ext. 67397, to learn more about the initiative or to sign up to participate.



## KHEEA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEEA Outreach will continue to provide live help this fall via Facebook and Twitter.

The schedule is:

**Nov. 29:** [Getting Connected: Adults Returning to School, Webinar](#)

**Dec. 6:** FAFSA Follow-Up: Next Steps, **Facebook**

**Dec. 13:** FAFSA Follow-Up: Professional Judgments, **Twitter**

**Dec. 20:** FAFSA Follow-Up: Making Corrections to Your FAFSA, **YouTube**

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

The links are:

[www.facebook.com/KHEEA/](http://www.facebook.com/KHEEA/)

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

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

## Check net price calculators to get idea of college costs

Kentucky high school students can get an idea of how much it may cost to attend college using a school's net price calculator.

“Pursuing some level of education beyond high school can help enrich a student's long-term earning potential, but it often does require a significant financial investment,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Online calculators are a useful tool in determining what the estimated costs may be, including scholarships, as well as low-interest loans. It's important to remember that the calculation is only an estimate, but it can be helpful as students pick the right school for their education.”

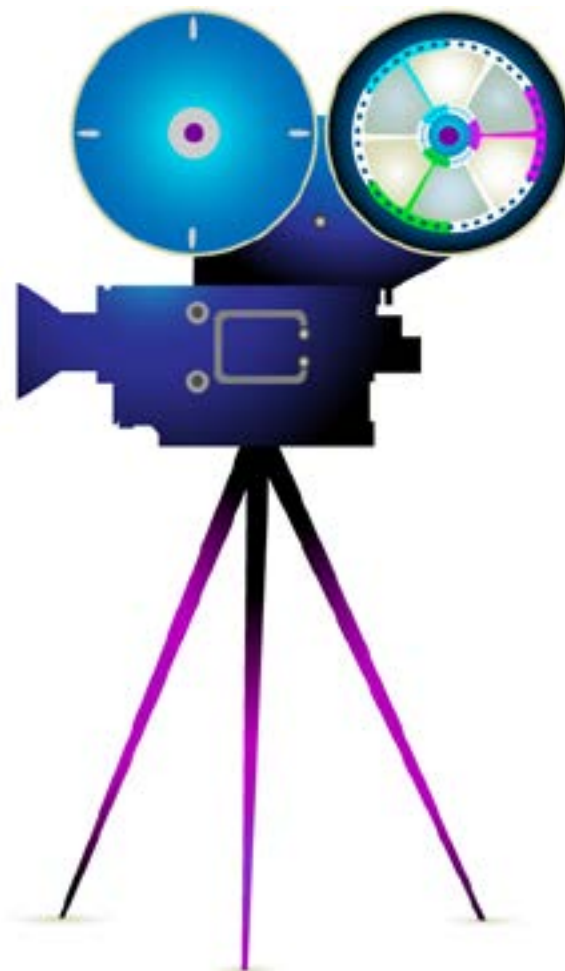
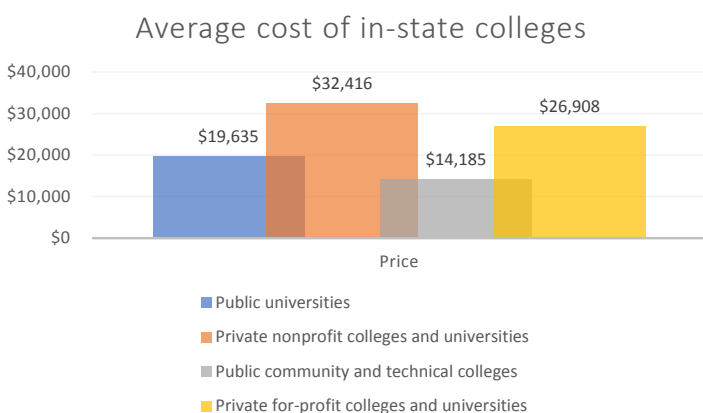
The U.S. Department of Education requires all colleges to have a calculator on their websites.

Students and parents must enter information about the student's academic record and the parents' finances to get a net price estimate for the cost of attending a trade school, two-year community college or four-year school.

Families should look for the net price, not the net cost.

The net price is how much a family can expect to pay toward a student's technical or college education, including any loans. The net cost will be lower than the net price because the net cost doesn't include loans, which have to be repaid.

Students and parents can get free estimates for up to six colleges across the country using the “Getting the Facts” program at [kheaa.com](http://kheaa.com). To get a free estimate, students must sign in and create an account. Students and parents should speak with the financial aid office at each college to get the most accurate cost information.



## Video contest helps students focus on financial responsibility

The Kentucky Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy is hosting a video contest for students, classes and non-school groups in grade bands 5–6, 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12. Interested students can choose from the themes of Financial Responsibility, Money Management, Personal Finance, Planning for Your Future, Saving for College or Using Money Wisely.

All videos should be three minutes or shorter, and should be submitted as an unlisted YouTube video along with the student's application. The entry form can be found [here](#).

The first-place winner from each grade band will receive a \$75 grand prize. Second-place winners will receive \$25. Awards will be presented during the Kentucky Saves Week 2022 ceremony. The deadline to submit to the contest is Jan. 15.

## ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
Feb. 12, 2022	Jan. 7, 2022	TBD
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



## Scholarship Spotlight

### Kentucky Association of School Business Officials Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Must be a student at a Kentucky high school; be a graduating senior; plan to major in business or education; and submit 2 letters of recommendation, 1 from applicant's school and 1 from community or church. These letters must be emailed directly to [scholarships.kasbo@kasbo.com](mailto:scholarships.kasbo@kasbo.com) from the author. The student's name and high school should be in the subject line.

**Award:** \$2,500

**Deadline:** Dec. 16

**Number:** 3

**Application:** School counselor or [scholarships.kasbo@kasbo.com](mailto:scholarships.kasbo@kasbo.com)