# Counselor Connection

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KHEAA publishes the *Counselor Connection* to share information about student financial aid, college preparation and college planning. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send them to <u>publications@kheaa.com</u>.



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### Time for college-bound seniors to fill out the FAFSA

Kentucky students who plan to attend technical school or college in the fall of 2022 should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, as soon as possible beginning Oct. 1.

"Kentucky's economy is surging like nothing I've seen before in my lifetime, and there are going to be unprecedented job opportunities for this generation of Kentucky college and technical school graduates," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "If you're hoping to start a higher education program next fall, please fill out the FAFSA as soon as you can starting on Oct. 1 to help make those educational goals a reality for you and your family."

Even students who don't think they will qualify for financial aid should submit the FAFSA. Rules governing student aid programs sometimes change, and students who don't file the FAFSA may miss out on free money that could help pay for their education.

The parents or guardians of students considered dependents under federal guidelines must also provide financial information on the FAFSA. This affects most students going directly to college from high school, who are typically considered a dependent.

The FAFSA asks for information about income, assets and expenses. The data provided on the FAFSA determines whether students qualify for federal grants, work-study and loans, as well as several state grants and scholarships. Many colleges also use the FAFSA to award their own grants and scholarships.

A formula set by Congress is used to determine if students qualify for federal and state aid.

Some student aid programs have limited funds and provide awards on a first-come, first-served basis, so students and families should submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.

## KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach

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

The schedule is:

*Oct. 4:* Understanding the FAFSA: What You Need, *Facebook* 

*Oct. 11:* Understanding the FAFSA: Frequently Asked Questions, *Twitter* 

*Oct. 18:* Understanding the FAFSA: The 2022–2023 FAFSA Walkthrough, *YouTube* 

Oct. 25: Understanding the FAFSA: FAFSA Live, Webinar

*Nov. 1:* Getting Connected: Resources for Middle School Parents, *Facebook* 

*Nov. 8:* Getting Connected: Resources for Underclassmen, *Twitter* 

*Nov. 15:* Getting Connected: You Can Go to College Too!, *YouTube* 

*Nov. 29:* <u>Getting Connected: Adults Returning to School</u>, *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/KHEAA/

www.twitter.com/KHEAA/

www.youtube.com/user/KHEAAMascot/



### **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 two letters of recommendation, one from applicant's school and one from community or church. These letters must be emailed directly to <u>scholarships.</u> <u>kasbo@kasbo.com</u> 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



#### **CPE** approves three academic programs

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education approved three new academic programs at its Sept. 14 meeting. They are:

- Northern Kentucky University: bachelor's in education, culture and society; master's in cybersecurity.
- Western Kentucky University: bachelor's in legal studies.

ACT National Test Dates		
Test Date	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	Scores Available
Dec. 11, 2021	Nov. 5, 2021	TBD
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
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Nov. 6, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021	Nov. 19, 2021
Dec. 4, 2021	Nov. 4, 2021	Dec. 17, 2021
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



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