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2023 high school seniors can enter KHEAA vlogger contest

Kentucky Class of 2023 high school seniors are invited to enter a contest to vlog for KHEAA.

The high school student must attend a school that participates in the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program and plan to attend college fall of 2023.

One senior will be chosen to provide four vlogs for KHEAA between August 2022 and May 2023. The high school senior vlogs will tell about the winner's experience with the college admissions and financial aid processes.

The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship to a Kentucky college or university.

The contest begins on April 4 and ends May 15. For complete rules, visit kygoestocollege.com.

To enter, students must create an original video no more than 2 minutes long that introduces them and tells why they would be the best person to share their experiences. They must submit an entry form and submit their video no later than May 15.

Employees and the immediate family members of KHEAA and the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC) are not eligible.

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For help with your higher education and financial aid questions, visit

www.kheaa.com

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.



Scholarship available for state’s child care providers

Kentucky’s child care providers may be eligible for the Early Childhood Development Scholarship to further their education in early childhood instruction.

The scholarships, which cover tuition and mandatory fees up to \$6,305 per semester, are available to those who work at least 20 hours per week in a participating early childhood facility. Kentuckians employed as a preschool associate teacher in a state-funded preschool program are also eligible.

Recipients must be working toward one of the following:

- Child development associate credential,
- Associate’s degree in early childhood education,
- Bachelor’s or master’s degree in interdisciplinary early childhood education, or
- Kentucky early childhood development director’s certificate.

The scholarship is administered by KHEAA. The application deadline for the summer 2022 term is April 15. The application for fall 2022 opens April 16.

To apply, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a separate scholarship application. The FAFSA is available at studentaid.gov. The scholarship application is available at kheaa.com. To complete the scholarship application, students must set up a KHEAA account.



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 KHEEA.

“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. Please remember to include a mailing address along with your request. An online version is available on kheaa.com.

KHEEA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEEA 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:

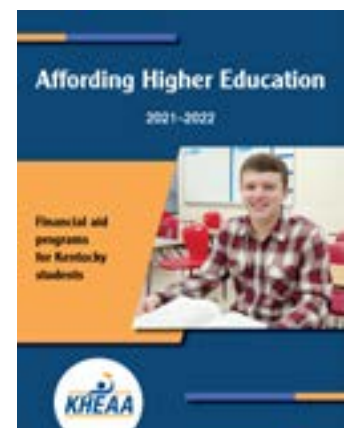
www.facebook.com/KHEEA/

www.twitter.com/KHEEA/

www.youtube.com/user/KHEEAMascot/

Free copies of scholarship book available from KHEEA

KHEEA 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. We reserve the right to limit the number of copies that anyone can receive.





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](#).

Essay contest continuing

KHEAA is now 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 or mail it to KHEAA Publications, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort KY 40602-0798.

Complete rules can be found on kheaa.com.

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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 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.

Kentucky elementary schools receive national recognition

Flaherty Elementary in Meade County and Kenwood Elementary in Jefferson County have been recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools.

The recognition comes from the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators, which promotes high-quality education for disadvantaged children.

Flaherty Elementary was recognized for closing the achievement gap between student groups. Kenwood Elementary was recognized for excellence in serving special populations of students, such as homeless, migrant and English learners.



Students, parents should take verification seriously

The federal government requires many students who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (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.

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

Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association: Charles E. Wilson Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be a legal resident of Kentucky and be enrolled in a recognized horticulture or related program at any college, university or community college in Kentucky. Application available online.

Award: \$1,000

Number: 1

Deadline: May 31

Contact: Michael Mueller, Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association, PO Box 5006, Frankfort KY 40602; 502.330.8300; info@knla.org; www.knla.org

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