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Financial Aid Tip for Students, February 2021

Students and parents should take FAFSA verification seriously

The federal government requires many students who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify information reported on the FAFSA. In many cases, their parents will also have to provide information. Students requiring verification are chosen by the U.S. Department of Education.

“Higher education and technical training should be accessible to every Kentuckian who wants to further their learning after high school. While it may take additional time, verification ensures that federal financial aid goes to the students who really need help,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “It’s a process that makes sure the information entered on the FAFSA reflects what students and parents reported on their federal income taxes. It helps ensure that the students who need assistance most are able to receive it.”

KHEAA advises students and parents to take the verification process very seriously. Students chosen for verification must complete the process before they can receive any financial aid. As soon as they are contacted, they should provide any information that is required. Putting it off will only lead to frustration if the process isn’t finished when classes are ready to start.

Colleges may do the verification themselves, or they may contract with an agency to handle the process. KHEAA provides verification services to over 30 schools, about half of them in Kentucky.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky’s student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit AdvantageEducationLoan.com.

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