

Your KHEAA College Connection

Students must file FAFSA for college aid

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and it's the form students must submit before they can qualify for federal or state student aid. The financial information provided on the form will automatically be sent to the schools listed on the FAFSA and to KHEAA. The information on the FAFSA is used to produce a Student Aid Report (SAR) that summarizes the data from the FAFSA and lets families know their official expected family contribution (EFC). The EFC is how much a family is expected to pay, based on a formula set by Congress.

The best way to file the FAFSA is online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Filing online reduces the chance of errors, and you will get the results in 7 to 14 days.

Students who don't have access to a computer at home or at school should see if they can file through the college they plan to attend. If so, they should fill out a paper FAFSA and take it to the college financial aid office. The staff there can enter the information and transmit it to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) Central Processing System.

The paper FAFSA is available by calling the ED at 800.433.3243. If students want to be notified when their paper FAFSA is received, they should fill out the postcard in the FAFSA packet and put it in the return envelope with their FAFSA. When the application is received, the FAFSA processor will stamp the card with the receipt date and location and return it.

The type of response the student will receive depends on whether he or she applied using a valid e-mail address.

Students who do not provide a valid e-mail address will receive a SAR in the mail in about four weeks. Those providing e-mail addresses will receive



an e-mail with a secure link to access the SAR within a few days.

After receiving the SAR, carefully check it for mistakes. Compare the information listed on the SAR to a copy of the FAFSA, since the EFC listed on the SAR will determine the amount of aid a student will receive.

If the information is incorrect, write the correct answers on the Information Review Form on the back of the SAR. When the Information Review Form is complete, the student can:

- Contact the financial aid office to see if the school can send the corrections electronically.
- Mail the form to the address designated on the SAR.

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The ED verifies the information for a certain number of applicants each year. If a student's report has been selected for verification, page one of the SAR will state: "You will be asked by your school to provide copies of certain financial documents." This means the student will be expected to provide supporting documentation for the information on the FAFSA. Instructions on the SAR explain how to do this.

The school's financial aid office uses the information on the SAR to determine whether a student is eligible for need-based financial aid and, if so, for how much and what type. From this information, the school will create a financial aid package. Each college listed on the FAFSA will consider the student for financial aid and will notify him or her of its decision in late spring or early summer.

If you have questions about completing the FAFSA, contact the financial aid office of the college your student is planning to attend or the ED. You can also attend College Goal Sunday. See article on last page for more information.

KHEAA Student Loan Marketplace provides way to compare private student loans

When your grants, scholarships and federal loans don't cover all your college expenses, you may need to borrow an alternative student loan.

The KHEAA Student Loan Marketplace is an online, education financing resource that enables you and your family to learn about and compare upfront and accurate private loan terms in an open and transparent network of lenders.

The marketplace completes the task of "shopping" for the loan without you taking the hit or hits on your credit report.

With just one visit to the website you can:

- Complete and submit a simple personal information form.
- Invite a co-signer to apply with you.
- View personalized loan products based on your financial information, not "as low as" advertisements.
- Receive accurate and detailed information from multiple lenders for which you are prequalified with only one credit check.
- Sort and compare side-by-side up to three loan products at a time based on the terms that are most important to you.
- E-mail your loan choices to your co-signer or trusted adult for their review.
- Make your selection through the Marketplace.
- Communicate directly with the selected lender.
- Keep your information private, only the lender you select sees your application.

KHEAA partners with Overture Technologies to provide kheeamarketplace.com. For more information on private loans or on how to apply, please call 888.678.4625.



A screenshot of the KHEAA Student Loan Marketplace website. The page features a blue header with the KHEAA logo and the title "KHEAA Student Loan Marketplace". Below the header, there is a section titled "TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR STUDENT LOAN" with three main steps: "KNOW" (Learn about student loans and what borrowing practices), "COMPARE" (Compare personalized loan rates and terms side-by-side), and "DECIDE" (Choose an offer that you like best for your lending plan). To the right, there is a "GET STARTED" button and a "FIND YOUR LOAN OPTIONS NOW!" button. Below this, there is a section for "FOLLOW SMART BORROWING PRACTICES" and a "RETURNING USER?" link. The main content area is titled "The Best Way to Shop for Student Loans" and includes sections for "Resources", "Lenders", and "How it Works". The footer contains copyright information for Overture Technologies and a link to the Privacy Policy.

Checklist for college-bound seniors

December/January

- ❑ Make sure your applications were received on time.
- ❑ Get your tax information together and ask your parents to get theirs ready too so you can submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.
- ❑ If you went Early Decision and were accepted, withdraw your applications from other schools.

February/March

- ❑ Submit midyear grades if the colleges you've applied to require them.
- ❑ Send in any deposits that are required.
- ❑ If you've been accepted by more than one college but haven't heard from your first choice, contact that school about a decision before you make any nonrefundable deposits to other schools.
- ❑ If you've decided on which school to attend, notify that college of your decision. Let any other colleges that have accepted you know about your decision.



Students should learn about insurance

Because teens and young adults don't have as much driving experience as adults, insurance companies believe they're a bigger risk to insure. That means teenagers pay more for car insurance than someone who's older.

Teenagers must carry insurance to cover any damage done to someone else's property or person. That's called liability, and it isn't negotiable. Collision insurance covers repairs to their car if they have an accident. Collision and comprehensive insurance is not required if the car is older and no money is owed. Not having collision insurance will save you money — unless you have an accident.

The other main types of auto insurance are:

- Comprehensive, which replaces damaged windshields and repairs damage caused by hail, flooding, theft, vandalism, etc.
- Personal injury protection, which pays medical expenses, lost wages and other out-of-pocket costs if you're hurt, regardless of who's at fault.
- Uninsured motorist, which covers your medical costs if you're hurt in an accident by an illegally uninsured driver.
- Rental reimbursement, which pays for a rental car while yours is being repaired after an accident.

Besides car insurance, there are other types teenagers should know about.

Health insurance is perhaps the most expensive type of insurance for most people. Teens headed to college should ask their parents if they're covered under their parents' policy and, if so, for how long. In some cases, unmarried dependent children may be covered to age 25. Those who get married are automatically considered adults and are responsible for their own insurance. Many employers offer health insurance plans to their employees.

Young people who live in dorms or apartments might want renter's insurance. Renter's insurance may pay if something gets stolen or destroyed in a fire or other disaster. Students should check with their parents' insurance agent to see if they're covered by an off-premises provision of their parents' policy when living in a dorm. If students live off-campus, they probably won't be covered and will need to buy renter's insurance.

When deciding how much coverage to buy, consider replacement versus actual cash value costs. Replacement means if stolen, you'll get the same item new. Actual cash value will give you an amount based on its value minus depreciation. If you have really nice jewelry or other valuable items, consider buying extra coverage, called a rider, on them.

College Goal Sunday scheduled for January 31

If the FAFSA looks intimidating, we can help you and your student understand and fill out this important form. The Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA), in cooperation with the Lumina Foundation, KHEAA and The Student Loan People, sponsors College Goal Sunday for just this purpose.

On January 31, financial aid professionals will be available at sites around Kentucky to walk students and their parents through the 2010–2011 FAFSA. Families attending College Goal Sunday must bring all the information needed for filling out their tax forms. Financial aid professionals will help them use that information to complete the FAFSA.

The sites for College Goal Sunday are below. Students and parents who plan to attend should arrive by 2 p.m. For more information, call toll free 1.888.452.7322.



College Goal Sunday sites

Ashland

Ashland Community
and Technical College
1400 College Drive

Bowling Green

Western Kentucky University
166 Mass Media and Technology Hall
1906 College Heights Boulevard

Campbellsville

Campbellsville University
Hawkins Athletic Complex
1 University Drive

Corbin

EKU Extension Center
1 Pennington Way

Crestview Hills

Thomas More College
Main Administration Building,
Commons
333 Thomas More Parkway

Elizabethtown

Elizabethtown Community
and Technical College
Occupational Technical Building,
Room 303

Frankfort

Kentucky Higher Education
Assistance Authority
100 Airport Road

Hazard

Hazard Community
and Technical College
First Federal Center, Cafeteria
1 Community College Drive

Hopkinsville

Hopkinsville Community College
Auditorium, Main Campus
720 North Drive

Lexington

Bluegrass Community
and Technical College
— Cooper Campus
230 Oswald Building
470 Cooper Drive

Bluegrass Community
and Technical College
— Leestown Campus
Student Center, Building C
164 Opportunity Way

Louisville

Jefferson Community
and Technical College
— Downtown Campus
VTI Building, Room 301
110 West Chestnut Street

Jefferson Community
and Technical College
— Southwest Campus
Administration Building Auditorium
1000 Community College Drive

Male High School
The Gheens Center
4409 Preston Highway

Madisonville

Madisonville Community College
— Health Campus
Byrnes Auditorium

Morehead

Morehead State University
Adron Doran University Center,
3rd Floor, Crager Room
150 University Boulevard

Owensboro

Brescia University
Science Building,
Taylor Lecture Hall
717 Frederica Street

Paducah

West Kentucky Community
and Technical College
Engineering Building, Crouse Hall,
Room 101
4810 Alben Barkley Drive

Prestonsburg

Big Sandy Community
and Technical College
Student Center
1 Bert T. Combs Drive

Richmond

Eastern Kentucky University
Student Services Building
Park Drive

Somerset

Somerset Community College
Harold Rogers Student Commons
808 Monticello Street