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FAFSA summer hotline opens June 17 for college-bound students

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 17, 2024) — Students needing one-on-one assistance filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can take advantage of a new free hotline from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) this summer.

KHEAA Outreach counselors will answer your questions and guide you through the college financial aid process from 4:30–8:30 p.m. ET Mondays through Thursdays, from June 17 through August 15. College-bound students of all ages can call 888-452-7322 for additional help. You can also leave a voicemail and receive a return call after 4:30 p.m.

“We are dedicated to helping students with their financial aid applications and this hotline is an exciting addition to our services,” said Outreach Director Casi Benedict. “This summer, KHEAA is answering the call for additional support to help students reach their college campuses this fall.”

The KHEAA hotline and other FAFSA support measures are made possible by an award by the U.S. Department of Education, in partnership with Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC).

KHEAA urges students to file their FAFSA as soon as possible, as state financial aid is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. You can begin applying at <https://studentaid.gov/>.

KHEAA Outreach will also host summer FAFSA office hours each Wednesday in June statewide for students and parents. For a location and time near you, visit <https://kygoestocollege.com>. Anyone can text OUTREACH to 1-800-928-8926 for reminders and updates. Subscribers can text in with questions and receive a personalized response from a KHEAA outreach counselor.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the merit-based Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program, as well as need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. Kentucky Lottery funds pay for many of those programs. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit <https://www.kheaa.com/web/scholarships-grants.faces>; write KHEAA at PO Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926.

In addition, KHEAA administers the KY Saves 529 program, which allows families to save for college. For more information, visit <https://www.kysaves.com/home.html>.

KHEAA's sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), is the Kentucky not-for-profit agency committed to offering students/borrowers with the lowest possible cost assistance in achieving their higher education dreams by offering the Advantage Education Loan program. For more information, visit <https://www.advantageeducationloan.com/>.

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