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KHEAA FAFSA Fellows named for summer support

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 18, 2024) — Twenty-two college access advisors across the state have been named FAFSA Fellows by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to help support students with their 2024-2025 financial aid applications.

The FAFSA, or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, recently underwent a complete overhaul, and because of that, more students need help finishing applying for college aid this year.

“Our students needing some additional support before they make it to a college campus this year will be able to receive one-on-one assistance,” said KHEAA Executive Director Jo Carole Ellis. “KHEAA stands ready to help anyone with financial aid questions, but our Fellows program is tasked with finding unique, creative ways of reaching students who may need help.”

Recipients will each target around 50 students in their communities to assist with FAFSA completion or tasks needed to begin college in the fall of 2024 or the spring of 2025. Students can be recent high school graduates, current college students or adults returning to school with questions about financial aid. The program runs until August 9. For a complete listing of recipients and the area they serve, visit kygoestocollege.com.

“The FAFSA Fellows Program allows KHEAA to extend more help to students with the 2024-25 FAFSA in this critical year of change,” said KHEAA Outreach Director Casi Benedict. “We are thankful to the individuals who have been selected as Fellows to aid KHEAA in closing the FAFSA completion gap!”

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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