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Financial Aid Tip of the Month, December 2011

Pay attention to deadlines for scholarships, admissions

High school seniors should pay close attention to application deadlines for college admissions and financial aid. Here are some tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA):

- If you have not yet chosen a college, narrow your list by visiting schools, comparing colleges online and talking with your counselor and your parents.
- If you have not yet done so, talk with teachers about writing recommendations for you. It is also time to complete your admissions essay if you need to write one.
- Check with the financial aid offices of the schools to which you've applied to determine if they require any financial aid forms other than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Familiarize yourself with the FAFSA. Unless you are starting college before July 1, you cannot file the FAFSA until after the first of the year, but you should still take a look at the information it requires and make plans to attend a College Goal Sunday session near you. Your counselor should have information about College Goal Sunday.
- Attend any college fairs and financial aid seminars offered at your high school or in your area. If a company charges a fee for helping with admissions and financial aid applications, remember that you can do all that yourself for free. If you decide to pay for help, make sure the company is reputable by checking with the state Attorney General's office or Better Business Bureau in your area, as well as the area where the firm is located.

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

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