

Step 5: College Checklist

The path to college checklist:

Narrow your list of schools and visit.

Check with your high school counseling office for scholarship resources.

Take or retake the ACT or SAT.

Complete online admissions applications.

Attend college fairs and financial aid nights.

Fill out the FREE APPLICATION for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA at fafsa.gov as soon as possible STARTING OCTOBER 1. Some aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Apply for scholarships. Use the College Board's BigFuture website (bigfuture.collegeboard.org) to find scholarships. Visit kheaa.com for more information. Also, check with your high school counselor for local scholarship opportunities.



Step 6: Explore Scholarships

Financial Aid

Take electives that involve your interests.

Go to kheaa.com and register for a free, personalized account and begin exploring scholarships.

Scholarships

Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)

The KEES program provides scholarships to students who earn at least a 2.5 GPA each year of attendance at a certified Kentucky high school. The better you do in high school, the more you earn toward college. You may also earn awards for ACT/SAT scores and Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) test scores. Home school and GED graduates may earn awards based on their ACT scores.

KEES Base Award Amounts

For each year you earn a 2.5 or better GPA, you can earn the base amount listed below. For instance, a high school freshman who earns a 3.5 GPA would have a \$375 scholarship for each year of college. Amounts may change based on available funds.

<https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/kees?main=1>

