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State scholarship program helps students become teachers

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 5, 2009) — Kentucky students who want to become teachers may qualify for a scholarship from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Applicants must show financial need and must be enrolled full time in a teacher education program at a participating Kentucky college to receive a KHEAA Teacher Scholarship. Teachers who are already certified are not eligible.

The amount a student may receive depends upon available funding and the student's year in school. A college junior or above may receive up to \$2,500 for each semester. If funds remain, college freshmen and sophomores may receive up to \$625 per semester.

Recipients must teach one semester at a school certified by the Kentucky Department of Education for each semester a scholarship is received. Recipients who do not finish their teacher education program or do not teach at a certified Kentucky school must repay the scholarship with 6 percent interest.

Students who wish to apply must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a KHEAA Teacher Scholarship application. To complete the application, go to www.kheaa.com and log on through Zip Access. To file the FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students may request up to three copies of the paper FAFSA by calling (800) 4-FED-AID. KHEAA must receive the scholarship application and the FAFSA results by May 1. Recipients will be notified in early July.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education and to access the FAFSA, go to www.GoHigherKY.org. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 6-7381. For information about low-cost student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.

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