

# NEWS FROM

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### **Financial Aid Tip of the Month, December 2019**

#### **Pay attention to deadlines for financial aid**

High school seniors should keep track of deadlines for applying for college financial aid. Here are some tips from KHEAA–Alabama.

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible.
- Check with the financial aid offices of the schools to which you've applied to determine if they require any forms other than the FAFSA.
- Look for scholarships using KHEAA–Alabama's "Affording Higher Education" and a free online scholarship search. You can find a link to a free search site under the "Students and Parents" tab on [www.alstudentaid.com](http://www.alstudentaid.com). To find the book, click on the link to publications.
- 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 applications, remember that you can do 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 the Better Business Bureau in your area, as well as the area where the firm is located.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

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