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## Financial Aid Tip of the Month, May 2022

### Students have different education options after high school

Many students think of education after high school as the traditional four-year college degree. That isn't always the case, according to KHEAA–Alabama.

Two-year degrees can prepare students to continue at a four-year school, but they can also lead directly to a job in the workforce. Diplomas and certificates in specialized skills give students the knowledge they need to compete for good jobs in industry and other careers. These programs usually take six to 18 months to complete.

Alabama students can tap into numerous sources of financial aid to pay for whatever level of education they want to pursue.

The state offers the Alabama Student Assistant Program Grant for undergraduates at eligible public and private colleges and universities. Undergraduates at some private colleges and universities are also eligible for an Alabama Student Grant. Those grants are administered by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

The Alabama Community College System offers several programs for students at the state's two-year community and technical colleges.

In addition, nearly all technical schools, two-year colleges and four-year colleges and universities have school-specific financial aid programs.

The financial aid office of the school students plan to attend will help them understand these and other aid programs.

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 [kheaa.com](http://kheaa.com).

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