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### **Financial Aid Tip of the Month, March 2009**

#### **‘Zip’ to financial aid information at [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com)**

Three *Zip* features at [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) provide important information that help Kentucky students and parents learn about and apply for student financial aid. *Zip Access*, *Zip Decision* and *Zip Answer* are unique features available only on the Web site of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

*Zip Access* lets students check their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) award, apply for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, KHEAA Teacher Scholarship and Early Childhood Development Scholarship and check the status of federal student loans guaranteed by KHEAA. The sign-in function for *Zip Access* is at the top of the KHEAA home page.

Parents will find *Zip Decision* a helpful online resource if they are applying for a Federal PLUS Loan to help pay for their child’s education. Using *Zip Decision*, parents may get immediate pre-approval for a loan originated through KHEAA. The credit decision is valid for 120 days.

*Zip Answer* provides answers to hundreds of questions about state and federal student aid. Users may choose a topic or type a word or phrase into a search box. If KEES is chosen as a topic, *Zip Answer* will bring up many of the most commonly-asked questions and answers about KEES.

The sign-in functions for *Zip Decision* and *Zip Answer* are on the right-hand side of the KHEAA home page.

Visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) to check out *Zip Access*, *Zip Decision* and *Zip Answer*. For more information on how to plan and prepare for higher education, visit [www.GoHigherKY.org](http://www.GoHigherKY.org). For more information about student loans, visit [www.studentloanpeople.com](http://www.studentloanpeople.com).

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