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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Filing FAFSA early gives students better chance at state grants**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 15, 2009)** — Kentucky students who plan to attend an in-state college or university beginning in fall 2010 should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after Jan. 1. Filing early increases the student's chance of receiving a state need-based grant administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). The FAFSA is available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Students attending Kentucky colleges and universities may qualify for College Access Program (CAP) Grants. To qualify, a student must show financial need and be enrolled for at least half-time toward an associate's or bachelor's degree. The maximum CAP Grant award is currently \$1,900 per year.

Students attending most of Kentucky's private colleges and universities may qualify for a CAP Grant and a Kentucky Tuition Grant (KTG). KTG awards are based on the same criteria as CAP Grants. The maximum KTG award is currently \$2,964 per year.

Funding for CAP and KTG is limited, with awards made to qualifying students on a first-come, first-served basis. Award amounts may change based on available funding.

For more information about CAP and KTG, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) and click on *Kentucky Resident Scholarship/Grant Information* under *Parents and Students* or *Adult Learners*. You may also e-mail [grants@kheaa.com](mailto:grants@kheaa.com).

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education and to access the FAFSA, go to [www.GoHigherKY.org](http://www.GoHigherKY.org). For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com); write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

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