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Financial Aid Tip of the Month, December 2016

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:

- Check with the financial aid offices of the schools to which you've applied to determine if they require any forms other than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- File the FAFSA if you haven't already done so.
- Look for scholarships using "Affording Higher Education" and a free online scholarship search on www.alstudentaid.com.
- 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.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

For more information about financial aid and college planning, visit www.alstudentaid.com.