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**FAFSA Completion Challenge announces Kentucky high school winners**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 24, 2022)** — Eight Kentucky high schools have won \$500 from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) for participating in the FAFSA Completion Challenge. The FAFSA is the form students must file to find out if they qualify for federal and state student aid.

“I congratulate these schools for their efforts and commitment in helping their graduating seniors file the FAFSA,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Those efforts will pay off in helping Kentucky students find the funds they need to pay for the technical and college programs that will make our state more competitive in attracting new businesses and expanding existing companies.”

The challenge was open to all public and private high schools in the state. Schools were awarded \$500 for having the highest FAFSA completion rates and the highest year-over-year percentage increase in FAFSA completion rates.

KHEAA reports a 3.7 percent increase in the Class of 2022’s FAFSA completion rate, ranking it in the top 10 year-over-year increases in the country.

The schools with the highest FAFSA completion rate in the contest were:

- Small public: Robertson County High School.
- Medium public: Franklin County High School.
- Large public: Lafayette High School in Lexington.
- Private: St. Patrick High School in Maysville.

The schools with the highest year-over-year increase were:

- Small public: Russellville High School.

- Medium public: Bell County High School/Bell County Area Technology Center.
- Large public: Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington.
- Private: Oneida Baptist Institute in Clay County.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. Kentucky Lottery funds pay for many of those programs.

In addition, KHEAA administers the KY Saves 529 program, which allows families to save for college. For more information about KY Saves 529, visit [kysaves.com](http://kysaves.com).

KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit [advantageeducationloan.com](http://advantageeducationloan.com).

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