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Frankfort High School student wins KHEAA essay contest

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 31, 2022) — Marae Mallard, a junior at Frankfort High School, has won the 2022 essay contest sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

In her essay, Mallard, who has autism, wrote, “Empathy and appreciation of our unique selves is something I hope to promote through the telling of my narrative. In doing so, I will inspire others to do better at accepting differences in themselves and others.”

“Marae’s essay is a call to help each other through our various struggles in school and in life,” Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman said. “Working together, we can create an environment that accepts all Kentuckians regardless of our differences or our abilities.”

Mallard will receive a \$500 scholarship when she enrolls in college. KHEAA staff will do a photo shoot at the school, with the photos featured in future KHEAA publications.

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. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write KHEAA at P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926.

In addition, KHEAA administers the KY Saves 529 program, which allows families to save for educational expenses. For more information, visit kysaves.com.

KHEAA also disburses Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit advantageeducationloan.com.

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