

My senior is going on for further education! How do we pay for it? What is this FAFSA form I keep hearing about?? How do I get started???



FAFSA Completion Workshop for Parents

Northern Bedford County High School

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

7:00 PM in room 127

The School Counseling Department is hosting a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Completion Workshop for Parents on Tuesday, February 7, beginning at 7:00 PM in room 127 (computer lab). Attendees should enter at the doors near the high school gym.

Who Should Attend?

The program is open to all parents and/or seniors who would like help in completing the FAFSA application and the PA State Grant application online. If you do not have web access from your home then this workshop is also for you. Pre-registration is requested. **Please contact Mrs. Teresa Crawford, school counselor, at 766-4734 or by email at tcrawford@nbcisd.org by Thursday, February 1, 2012 to register.**

Who Will Be Presenting the Workshop?

Mr. Daniel Wray from PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency) will be available to instruct parents through the application process.

How Much Will This Cost?

Nothing! The workshop is being provided to you at no cost by PHEAA and the school district.

What Should Be Done Before Attending the Workshop?

Prior to attending, the following items should be completed to help expedite the process:

- Both the student and the parent should have working email addresses.
- The student should have applied for and received a FAFSA PIN Number from <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.
- The parent should have applied for and received a FAFSA PIN Number from <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.
- The student and parent should complete the FAFSA On The Web (FOTW) Worksheet at www.fafsa.ed.gov approximately a week prior to the workshop.
- If possible, the FAFSA should be started at www.fafsa.ed.gov to get the student's and the parents' general information entered into the FAFSA. This will save time for you.

What Records Should Be Brought to the Workshop?

For the 2012-2013 school year you will need financial information from 2011 (*if your taxes are not yet complete, see the next question, but still bring the following records*). The following records are necessary to complete the student's FAFSA (you do not send these records in with the FAFSA, but the information on the records will be needed to fill out the FAFSA):

- The student's Social Security card (or number). It is important that you enter your Social Security Number correctly!
- The student's driver's license (if applicable).
- Proof of Income & Tax Documents:
 - The student's 2011 W-2 forms and other records of income earned and the student's 2011 Federal Income Tax Return (ex. IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ)
 - The parents' 2011 W-2 forms and other records of income earned and the parents' 2011 Federal Income Tax Return (ex. IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ)
 - For both students and parents (if applicable) documentation on untaxed income, including workers' compensation; child support; housing, food and other living allowances; or veterans benefits, etc.

(Note: If you complete your FAFSA online, you have the option of automatically retrieving your income and tax data from the IRS and having it transferred into your FAFSA. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool is the preferred method to complete the FAFSA.)

- Asset Information:
 - For students and parents bring bank statements and business and investment information, including business and farm records; stocks, bonds, and other investment records (as applicable)

What If My 2011 Taxes Are Not Done Yet?

If the parents' and/or student's taxes are not yet completed for the 2011 year, bring your tax forms from the 2010 year. You can use estimated tax data if you will not file your tax return before your earliest financial aid deadline. After you submit your tax return, correct any income or tax information that is different from what you initially submitted on your FAFSA.

Who Do I Contact If I Have Questions?

Your contact person for this workshop is Mrs. Teresa Crawford, school counselor. Please contact her at 766-4734 or by email at tcrawford@nbcasd.org if you need more information or if you want to register for the workshop.

Everybody that needs assistance with the FAFSA is invited!

Remember to register by Thursday, February 1, 2012.