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Memo

To: Class of 2016

From: Mrs. Wade, Senior Counselor

Date: 1/4/2016

Re: FAFSA Worksheet and information.

# FAFSA – The time to file is NOW!

## The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** is the need analysis form all students must complete when applying for federal, state and college-based student aid. The FAFSA asks for information about income, assets and expenses. A formula set by Congress determines eligibility for federal and state aid. If the student is considered a dependent under federal guidelines, both the student and parents must provide financial information. Nearly all students going directly to college from high school are considered dependent. Some student aid programs have limited money and provide funds on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified students, so it is important to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible. Last year certain funds ran out as early as mid-February. The FAFSA can be completed online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.

## The first step, NEW in 2016, is to create a **Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID** at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign your federal student aid documents, including the FAFSA. Both the student and at least one parent will need to create a FSA ID. An active email account for both the student and the parent is required to set up the FSA ID.

**FAFSA WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday, January 13th from 3:30-6:00 PM** at PCHS -- Financial aid professional Bob McDermott from KHEAA, along with other professionals, will be in computer lab 152 where you can complete the FAFSA and ask questions as you have them. You will be best served this at this workshop if you have completed the worksheet available in the Guidance Office and bring all of the supporting documents.

COLLEGE GOAL KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators will sponsor College Goal Kentucky throughout January. On these days, free sessions will be offered at sites across the state to help parents and students complete the FAFSA. Financial aid professionals will go over the FAFSA in detail and answer questions. For more information, visit [www.kasfaa.com](http://www.kasfaa.com).

* Northern KY University: 1/5 @ 5-7 PM SU 109 Kenton Drive Highland Heights KY 41099 (1st floor of Student Union. Parking in Kenton Garage)
* Thomas More College: 1/9 & 1/16 & 1/23 @ 10:00 am-Noon 333 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY 41017, Administration Bldg lower level
* Campbell County High School: 1/9 @ 9:00 am-Noon 909 Camel Xing, Alexandria, KY
* Beckfield College: 1/17 @ 11:00 am-3:00 pm 16 Spiral Drive Florence KY 41042 (Front Building) Presentation and FAFSA