



Tuscola High School Senior Newsletter January 2010

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FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Thursday, January 28th at 6:00 P.M.
(Snow Date: February 11th)

College life can offer most students a chance for intellectual growth, a taste of independence, and a new circle of friends. However, nothing can spoil the experience more than the thought of paying for college. Paying your child's college bills does not have to be difficult or devastating as long as you educate yourself on financial aid.

Financial Aid Night will be held at Haywood Community College, and there will be presentations on general financial aid information, CFNC, and filling out the FAFSA.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Lovedahl at 627-4506.

Congrats!

- * Daniel Asnip-UNCA
- * David Atwood-Wingate
- * Kandace Best-ETSU
- * Rebekah Bradley-NCSU
- * Stefanie Coleman-WCU Honors College
- * Meredith Corn-Gardner Webb University, WCU, ECU
- * Valery Francis-ETSU
- * Aaron Gillespie-ECU, UNC-Charlotte, WCU
- * Jesse Inman-ETSU
- * Joe Kiker-Mars Hill College
- * Justin McCracken-NCSU
- * Collette Morris-UNC-Charlotte
- * Hayley Printz-University of South Florida
- * Brooklyn Coty Reece-UT Chattanooga, Winston Salem State University
- * Ardelia Rose-WCU
- * Emily Sapp-Brenau University, ETSU, Wingate
- * Alex Smith-Carson Newman, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill
- * Kaley Strayer-University of North Texas, WCU
- * Jacob Way-FSU
- * Courtney Whitaker-Tulane

BEFORE BEGINNING THE FAFSA

(Free Application for Student Aid)-Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information.



1. **Gather all the documents that you need**—social security number, drivers license, income tax returns, bank statements, and investment records.
2. **Complete a FAFSA on the web worksheet.** (You can get these in the Counseling Center or at www.fafsa.ed.gov.)
3. **Plan how to sign your FAFSA.** (Sign electronically with a **Personal Identification Number** or by mailing in a signature page.)
4. **Apply for a PIN now!** (You can go to the Federal Student Aid PIN Web site at www.pin.ed.gov to apply.)
5. **Check your eligibility for federal student aid.** (Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, have a valid Social Security Number, be registered with Selective Service if you are male and 18 to 25 years of age (go to www.sss.gov for more information), have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) Certificate or pass an exam approved by the U.S. Department of Education, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program at a school that participates in the federal student aid programs, not have a [drug conviction](#) for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (such as grants, loans, or work-study)
6. **Note important deadlines.** (Apply as early as possible. Contact schools for exact deadline dates.)

* Federal Student Aid estimates that for first-time users, FAFSA on the Web will take you less than one hour to complete. Once you begin filling out your FAFSA, you can save it whenever you want, and then complete and submit it later at your convenience.*

Also note the following:

- If you are filing a **2009 income tax return**, we recommend that you complete your tax return before filling out the 2010-2011 FAFSA. Note that you do not have to actually send your tax return to the IRS before filling out the FAFSA. You can submit your FAFSA using estimated income and tax information. However, after you file your tax return, you must correct any income or tax information that is different from what you submitted on your original FAFSA.
- You should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) within three weeks. Carefully review all of the information on the SAR to make sure it is correct. Follow directions for making and submitting corrections promptly. If you do not receive a SAR within three weeks, or if you have questions about your SAR, refer to the [Customer Service](#) page.

TIP: You can check the status of your application by selecting [Check Status of a Submitted FAFSA or Print Signature Page](#) under the **FAFSA Follow-Up** section of the home page at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

If you or your family have unusual circumstances (such as loss of employment) that might affect your eligibility for federal student aid, check with the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend.



Mid-Year Transcripts

Make sure to stop by the Counseling Center and complete a transcript request if your college requires a mid-year transcript. We will make announcements when mid-year transcripts are available.





Scholarship Nominations, Semi- Finalists, and Recipients

Morehead-Cain Semi-Finalist for UNC-CH

\$ Megan McLeod

Park Scholars Semi-Finalist for NCSU

\$ Rachel Mehaffey

Roan Scholars Semi-Finalist for ETSU

\$ Mollie Bellows

Levine Scholars Nominees for UNCC

\$ Carolina Ledford

\$ Noah Linger

\$ Colette Morris

\$ Sarahanne Smith

Berea Scholarship Nominees

\$ Stefanie Coleman

\$ Sally Dixon

Berea College "Carter G. Woodson Enduring Legacy Award"

\$ Patty Popular



Tuscola's FAFSA Day

If you **cannot** attend FAFSA day Saturday, February 13th at the SECU and you would like to meet with a financial aid officer at Tuscola on Friday, February 12th, please call me and schedule an appointment. Haywood Community College financial aid officers will come meet with parents on Friday, February 12th, but you **must** call (828) 456-2408 ext. 6014 to schedule an appointment.

You can also call Haywood Community College's Financial aid office at 627-4506 to get help filling out the FAFSA anytime.



PUBLICATIONS INFORMATION

- Yearbooks with personalization must be paid in full by February 13.
- Cap and gown pictures will be at THS on February 2nd. (Caps and gowns will be provided.)



CSS Profile

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® is the financial aid application service of the College Board. More than 600 colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, and scholarship programs use the information collected on the PROFILE to determine eligibility for nonfederal student aid funds. The PROFILE is a fully web-based application system that provides students a secure and efficient method for reporting their financial data to schools.

Visit www.collegeboard.com to see a list of schools that require the PROFILE and to complete the application.



Avoid Senioritis and the Senior Slump

There's a common misconception that once you've made it to your senior year -- and especially once you've been accepted by colleges -- that senior grades no longer matter. However, colleges do request and review senior grades, especially from the first half of the school year. Be forewarned, though, that if you let your grades slip anytime during the year, colleges have the right to ask you to document and explain why your current grades have dropped below previous years.

Continue to take pride in your grades and continue to attempt your best. Some studies report that high school seniors who lost interest in high school because of a "senior slump" also had problems in college because they had lost interest and devalued the importance of education, and you don't ever want to face the worst-case scenario: not graduating high school because you are short one credit because you failed an elective course.



FAFSA Day!



On Saturday, February 13, 2010 college financial aid officers and other financial aid specialists will assist students in the completion and the electronic submission of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

How? Register at www.cfnc.org
Where? SECU - Waynesville Branch
(Haywood County)

When? Saturday, February 13th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.