

Financial Aid Workshop

A financial aid workshop will be held at Watkins Mill High School on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. This workshop is very important for parents of 12th grade college-bound students. Melissa Gregory, a financial aid representative from Montgomery College, will present the workshop. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be discussed along with other pertinent financial aid information. The FAFSA form should be completed for all seniors planning to attend college or a career school regardless of family income. A student never knows when he/she might need a student loan, and the FAFSA needs to be on file. The form will be available to students in mid-December but cannot be filed until AFTER January 1, 2010 but before March 1, 2010. In addition, important information from the Maryland Higher Education commission about Maryland State financial aid will be presented. Parents attending will get answers to their financial aid questions.

Seniors and their parents can (and should!) register for their FAFSA PIN (Personal Identification Number) now. If you fill out the form on-line you will need this information in order to "sign" it. To apply for this number please visit the U.S. Department of Education website: www.pin.ed.gov. This is an important first step in applying for federal student aid.

Word of caution: There are many sites which charge a fee for filling out the FAFSA form such as fafsa.com. The real site is www.fafsa.ed.gov. There is no charge for applying for federal student aid.

Get help in completing the FAFSA at www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/fafsa.jsp

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