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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) NOW Available – Get Free Help at College Goal Alaska

(ANCHORAGE) – Beginning in early October, financial aid experts are volunteering at locations across Alaska to help college and career training students and their families open the door to financial aid during the annual College Goal Alaska (CGA) events.

This free program, coordinated by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE), assists Alaska students in filing the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is required for students to be considered for federal and state financial aid, such as grants, scholarships, work-study, and low-cost loans at most colleges, universities, and vocational/technical schools nationwide. Some aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis making early filing particularly significant.

Rebekah Matrosova, the Director of Outreach and Early Awareness at ACPE, says she hopes Alaskans will take advantage of one of the many events hosted across the state by volunteers from Alaska's postsecondary institutions, schools, and other organizations. *"All students, regardless of financial status, should complete the FAFSA as early as possible to learn what type of financial aid they may qualify for. If you are considering career training or college for the fall of 2019, now is the time to apply for financial aid."*

What students and parents should bring to a CGA event:

Most students should attend CGA with their parents and bring their and their parents' social security numbers, driver's license, alien registration card (if applicable), 2017 tax information, and 2017 untaxed income records. Students who are married or at least 24 years old do not need to provide parental information. Prior to attending a CGA event, each student and one parent should go to FSAID.Ed.Gov to create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) for themselves. FSA IDs are needed to electronically sign the FAFSA.

For CGA dates and times, visit CollegeGoalAK.Org

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