

# Counselor Update:

## Special FAFSA Day Edition

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### FAFSA Day is February 9, 2008

FAFSA Day is fast approaching! On Saturday, February 9, 2008 seniors will receive free help completing and submitting their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms at 56 locations across North Carolina. As you know, it is critical that students submit their FAFSAs in a timely manner to maximize their opportunities for college funding.

The program runs from 9 am until 12 noon at all locations except the two Charlotte sites (9:30 am – 3 pm at the downtown Charlotte Public Library and 10 am – 2 pm at UNC-Charlotte.)

### FAFSA Day Locations and Registration

To register for FAFSA Day, and to see a list of the locations, students should visit [CFNC.org/fafsaday](http://CFNC.org/fafsaday) or call College Foundation of North Carolina, toll-free, at 866-866-CFNC.

While registration is not required, students who do sign up for FAFSA Day will receive information about the items they must bring to the program on February 9. They will also receive reminder messages several days before the program.

### Please Help!

FAFSA Day is a service offered by College Foundation of North Carolina and the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators to help North Carolinians qualify for a variety of financial aid programs. On that day, financial aid professionals will provide free help in the completion and submission of their FAFSAs to seniors and their families.

We ask for your assistance to help us maximize the number of students who will benefit from this program. Please

make your seniors aware of this free service. A few suggestions:

- Post the FAFSA Day posters that were recently sent to your school in prominent locations (don't forget to also post the "Don't Get Hooked..." posters and the posters displaying the locations of North Carolina's colleges and universities.)
- Include information about FAFSA Day in your announcements.
- If your school has a "phone bank" that makes calls to students'

homes, please consider including FAFSA Day information in an upcoming announcement.

- If you maintain e-mail lists for your seniors or their families, please consider sending a message to remind them to register for the FAFSA Day program.
- In January we will mail fliers to all the high school counseling offices in the state. Please provide this information to your seniors.

### We Need Counselor Volunteers!

As in previous years, we invite school counselors to participate in FAFSA Day programs in their local communities. Typically, counselors serve as "greeters," helping students check in and assigning them to the appropriate rooms where they will get help with their forms.

If you would like to participate in a FAFSA Day program in your area, please contact Nicole Roach at [nroach@ncseaa.edu](mailto:nroach@ncseaa.edu) or 800-700-1775 ext. 4670 to make her aware of your interest. Make sure you include your name, school, e-mail or phone number and the location or locations where you are available to work on FAFSA Day.

### Thank You!

We appreciate all you do to provide opportunities for your students to help them through the college admissions process and to find the funds they will need to achieve their postsecondary goals. Please let us know if we can ever be of assistance!

This newsletter will be distributed occasionally to counselors and counseling coordinators in North Carolina who previously expressed an interest in receiving updates on funding programs administered by SEAA, College Foundation of North Carolina initiatives and other programs of interest to counselors. We hope you find the information useful, but if you wish to be deleted from the distribution list, or if you have other questions relating to this publication, please contact Nicole Roach at [nroach@ncseaa.edu](mailto:nroach@ncseaa.edu) or Robbie Schultz at [robbie@ncseaa.edu](mailto:robbie@ncseaa.edu) or 800-700-1775 ext. 4670 (Nicole) or ext. 4686 (Robbie).

