

Counselor Update

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News Alert: Paper FAFSAs Will No Longer Be Distributed to Schools

The U.S. Department of Education announced on September 13, 2007 that the 2008-2009 FAFSAs will **not** be available for schools to order via FSAPubs. Students will be able to obtain a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) toll-free at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). In addition, the Department will make available a PDF version of the

2008-2009 FAFSA that students can complete – either on the computer or by hand – and mail to the Department for processing.

For more information about this decision, visit <http://tinyurl.com/2f8ebv>



Scholarship and Grant Updates

We are pleased to advise you of some new programs administered by SEAA that will benefit North Carolina residents seeking college funding, and some beneficial changes to existing programs:

EARN

The EARN program (Education Access Rewards North Carolina Scholars Fund), proposed by Governor Easley, will provide need-based grants to full-time, dependent students to obtain education at UNC campuses or community colleges during

the first two years of study. Eligibility is limited to students with family incomes not exceeding 200% of the federal poverty guideline. Students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply. The maximum grant amount is \$4,000, with the first awards to be made for the 2008 fall semester.

John B. McLendon Scholarship Fund

The John B. McLendon Scholarship Fund was established to provide two leadership scholarships, one for a male athlete and one for

a female athlete, at each of North Carolina's ten Historically Black Colleges and Universities, except that Bennett College for Women will receive funding for scholarships for two female athletes. The first \$1,250 annual awards will be made in 2008. Recipients will be selected by the campuses. Recipients must participate on a varsity team, demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities, be involved in the college or university community, and maintain high academic standards.

Scholarship and Grant Updates Continued

Changes to Existing Programs Administered by SEAA



Prospective Teacher Scholarship Loan (PTSL)

The following award amounts for this program are in place for the 2007-08 academic year:

\$2,500 per year if the student is a freshman or sophomore at a two-year or

four-year campus and \$4,000 per year if the student is a junior or senior at a four-year campus

North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grant (LTG)

The Legislative Tuition Grant Program, which provides grant awards to North

Carolina students attending private colleges and universities, has been expanded to include eligible students enrolled for at least 9 credit hours per semester. Eligible full time students will receive \$1,950 and part-time students will be eligible to receive \$1462 for the 2007-08 academic year.

Re-Open Process for the 2007-08 Prospective Teacher Scholarship Loan (PTSL) Program

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This past summer, the NC General Assembly increased the funding for the Prospective Teacher Scholarship Loan program (PTSL) for the 2007-08 academic year. Effective immediately, the electronic application for PTSL has been re-opened and placed at www.CFNC.org/PTSL and will remain open until funds have been exhausted.

Current undergraduate students pursuing degrees that lead to teacher licensure are encouraged to apply for the PTSL program. **High school students should NOT apply at this time.**

High school students will be able to apply for the 2008-09 school year in January 2008.

Program information and the application for the PTSL can be found on the web site.

Should you need additional information about the application process, please contact the NCSEAA at:

800-700-1775 option 1

Local to Research Triangle Park: 919-549-8614

Or by email at: information@ncseaa.edu

FAFSA Day



College Foundation of North Carolina and the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators will again host FAFSA Day programs across the state. High school seniors, and others who will be in college in 2008-09 will be able to receive free help on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at any of 56 locations.

The counties that will host FAFSA Day programs are: Alamance, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Cherokee, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Greene, Guilford (2 locations), Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Jackson, Lee, Lenoir, Macon, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg (2

locations), Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Surry, Vance, Wake (2 locations), Watauga, Wayne (2 locations), Wilkes and Wilson.

We will distribute a flier listing the specific locations, times and other important program details at the fall

FAFSA Day Continued

SEAA and CACRAO counselor workshops, and we will post the sites in October at CFNC.org/fafsaday.

In addition, we will distribute promotional fliers and other information to high school counselors later this year.

You can also e-mail Robbie (robbie@ncseaa.edu) to

request an electronic copy of the promotional flier listing the sites.

Once again, we seek the assistance of high school counselors to serve as greeters on FAFSA Day, welcoming students to the program, signing them in and directing them to the appropriate room to meet with a financial aid volunteer.

If you are interested in assisting at a FAFSA Day location near you, please contact Robbie at robbie@ncseaa.edu or 800-700-1775 ext. 4686



Admission Application Deadlines

We are pleased to announce a new document detailing the admission application deadlines for the state's colleges and universities has been posted on the CFNC site. To view the information, visit www.CFNC.org, click the "Downloadable

Resources" link on the left side of the page, and click the "2008-2009 NC Admissions Deadlines At-a-Glance" link

Many thanks to Jamie Livengood of Johnston County Middle College High School, the 2006 summer intern at SEAA for suggesting this, and to Sara

Grey, the 2007 summer intern at SEAA, for compiling the information.

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Next month—List of state financial aid programs to share with your students.

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 or Robbie Schultz at robbie@ncseaa.edu or 800-700-1775 ext. 4670 (Nicole) or ext. 4686 (Robbie).

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