

Over 25 Locations Across Massachusetts Sunday, Jan 29, 2012* at 2:00 p.m.

*other dates and times available, visit our website for more information

CAPE COD

Cape Cod Community College

METRO WEST

Blackstone Valley Regional
Vocational Technical High School

Framingham High School

Marlborough High School
(*January 26 @ 6:30 pm)

GREATER BOSTON

ACCESS
(*Jan 25 & Jan 30 @ 3:00 p.m.)

Boston Public Library

Cambridge Rindge & Latin School

Chelsea High School

John D. O'Bryant School of
Math & Science

Malden High School

Pine Manor College

Somerville High School

SOUTH EAST

Bristol Community College

Dean College

NORTH EAST

Amesbury High School

Burlington High School

Northeast Metro Tech High School
(*January 25 @ 6:00 pm)

Northern Essex Community College,
Lawrence Extension Campus

North Shore Community College

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

Bartlett Junior/Senior High School

Fitchburg State University

Middlesex Community College

Quinsigamond Community College

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

American International College

Amherst Pelham Regional High School
(*January 26 @ 7:00 pm)

The Intermodal Center
(*January 29 @ 1:00 pm)

Holyoke Community College

Turners Falls High School



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FAFSADAY 2012

MASSACHUSETTS



FREE Help Applying for Financial Aid for College!

FAFSA Day Massachusetts (A College Goal SundaySM Program) is a non-profit, volunteer-driven effort in its 8th year providing **FREE** assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Families will receive:

- Free assistance completing the FAFSA.
- Access to experienced financial aid administrators, and FAFSA experts, available to answer FAFSA questions.
- Guidance on the financial aid process and next steps after filing the FAFSA.

Many locations include online FAFSA filing capabilities and translation services.

Visit www.FAFSADay.org to register and to view site locations, dates, times, directions, a list of services available at each site, and information on what to bring. To learn more about how you can participate, please e-mail massinfo@fafsaday.org or call **877-4CGSMAS**.



www.FAFSADAY.org



What is FAFSA Day Massachusetts?

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What is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is the federally required form for ALL students seeking federal financial aid for higher education. Students attending college during the 2012-2013 academic year, must complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA if they are interested in receiving federal and state financial aid.

What is financial aid?

Financial aid consists of grants, scholarships, loans and Federal Work-Study. *Grants and scholarships* are free money that does not need to be repaid. *Loans* are money borrowed by the student to help cover education expenses and they need to be repaid - often with interest. Student loans awarded to FAFSA applicants typically have lower interest rates, better repayment terms and more favorable borrower options than private student or parent loans. *Federal Work-Study* is a federally subsidized program that provides opportunities for employment in order to help with educational expenses. Federal Work-Study is not deducted from the bill and students are required to find their own employment.

Who should participate in FAFSA Day Massachusetts?

Students, families, and adult learners who want help applying for financial aid for the 2012-2013 academic year should attend a FAFSA Day Massachusetts site.

What if students have not decided if they are attending college, or which college to attend?

By filling out the FAFSA, there is no obligation to attend, nor decide, which college they plan on attending.

Should students register?

Yes! In order to provide the best possible services to attendees, students are strongly encouraged, but are not required, to register at www.FAFSAday.org.

What should families expect?

Families will receive:

- Free assistance completing the FAFSA
- Access to experienced financial aid administrators from Massachusetts colleges and universities, and FAFSA experts, who are available to answer FAFSA questions.
- Guidance on the financial aid process and next steps after filing the FAFSA
- Many locations include online FAFSA filing capabilities and translation services.

What should students and families bring?

Students and parents* should EACH bring the following:

- FAFSA Pin (www.pin.ed.gov)
- Social Security Number
- Driver's License number
- Most recent federal tax return
- Most recent W-2 or year-end pay stub
- Untaxed income records
- Bank statement(s)
- Business and investment records
- Alien Registration Card (if not a U.S. Citizen)

*Students who were born before January 1, 1989 do not need to bring parental information.

What if students or families cannot attend FAFSA Day Massachusetts or would like more assistance after the event?

Students and families seeking additional assistance in completing the FAFSA or who are looking for more resources on financial aid should visit their local Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). The EOC is funded by the TRIO Office of the U.S. Department of Education and offers FREE career and educational counseling/advising services for eligible people over the age of 19 who are considering postsecondary educational options. A list of Educational Opportunity Centers is available at www.fafsaday.org.