

2010 FAFSA Workshops

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your high school senior is applying for any financial assistance to attend college (need-based scholarships, grants or loans), you MUST complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To help you complete this application, Wilson Tech will conduct FAFSA workshops on:

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 and March 10, 2010

6 to 8 pm

Room 16, Building C

Wilson Technological Center

17 Westminster Ave., Dix Hills, NY

Financial aid representatives from local two and four year colleges will assist both parents and students in completing the FAFSA on-line. Those parents and students who attended in the past three years left that evening with answers to all of their questions AND a COMPLETED FAFSA! (Given the recent changes to financial aid qualifications, we strongly recommended that ALL seniors and their parents submit this form.)

While these FAFSA workshops are open to all students and parents, not just Tech students, advance registration is required and seating is limited. We will guide you in completing the online application available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please arrive promptly at 6 pm to have enough time to ask your questions and complete your child's FAFSA.

Please bring your PIN# and your child's PIN # with you so we can help you complete your FAFSA application in its entirety at the Financial Aid Night. It generally takes 4-5 days to receive your PIN#, so apply for yours and your child's at least one week in advance of the workshop at www.pin.ed.gov.

Enclosed you will find instructions on how to apply for a PIN, a list of information/documentation that you must bring with you to the workshop as well as a map to Wilson Tech and the layout of the Dix Hills campus.

To register, call 667-6000, x374 or go to www.wilsontech.org/fafsa. Questions, call 667-6000, x374 or email chughes@wsboces.org.

Sincerely,

Courtney Hughes, Coordinator–Grants/Tech Prep
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Here's How to Prepare for FAFSA Workshop at Tech

To participate in the FAFSA Workshop, you must bring the following information/documentation with you:

- Student's Driver's License and Social Security Number
- Parents' Social Security Number*
- Student's Alien Registration Number if not a U.S. Citizen
- W-2 forms and other records of money earned in 2009 for student and parent/s
- 2009 Federal Income Tax Returns (form 1040/1040A or 1040EZ) for student and parent/s (If you have not yet filed 2009 taxes, please bring 2008 Federal Income Tax Returns)
- Records of 2009 Untaxed Income (SS, welfare, TANF, and veteran benefits)
- Current Account Balance information for student and parent/s cash, savings, checking, investments, and/or business and farm assets
- Federal School Codes for each school the student plans to apply to. This information can be obtained from each potential school.

*For clarification on who is considered a parent under the U.S. Department of Education's guidelines for filing a FAFSA, please see page 5 of the "FAFSA on the Web Worksheet" or call 1-800-4FED-AID

How to apply for your PIN

(one parent and child applying for aid needs a PIN #; these numbers allow you to sign the FAFSA electronically and access or edit information online; it is fast, secure, and less error prone)

1. Go to www.pin.ed.gov on the web
2. Click on "Apply for a PIN"
3. Follow "The PIN Application Process" this only takes a few minutes
4. Enter personal Information
5. Submit Your PIN Application information
6. Receive confirmation that application was received
7. Make note of your PIN number and your child's PIN number!

FAFSA on the Web Worksheets

The FAFSA Worksheets help you collect the information needed to apply online. These worksheets are not required for completion of the FAFSA, however, most families find them very helpful in gathering information prior to Tech's FAFSA workshop. Worksheets are at www.fafsa.ed.gov/worksheet.htm. Complete or review ones for the 2010-11 school year.

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Register by phone: 631-667-6000 x249