

September 1, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 or March 7, 2012
6 pm 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 five years left that evening with a COMPLETED FAFSA!

While these FAFSA workshops are open to all senior students and parents, not just Tech students, advance registration is required because 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 teen's FAFSA.

Register online at www.wilsontech.org/fafsa. Upon registration, you will receive information regarding what documentation you will be required to bring to the meeting. Questions, call 667-6000, x374 or email chughes@wsboces.org.

For additional FAFSA events on Long Island, not sponsored by Wilson Tech, visit www.collegegoalsundayny.com.

Sincerely,

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How to Prepare for FAFSA Workshop at Wilson 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 2010 for student and parent/s
- 2011 Federal Income Tax Returns (form 1040/1040A or 1040EZ) for student and parent/s
- (If you have not yet filed 2011 taxes, bring student and parent/s 2010 Federal Income Tax Returns and 2011 W-2 forms)
- Records of 2011 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 4 of the "FAFSA on the Web Worksheet" or call 1-800-4FED-AID

How to apply for your PIN

(one parent **and** the child applying for aid need 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 <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/before012.htm> Complete or review worksheets for the 2011-2012 school year.

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