



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR FAFSA FOR 2012-2013!!

ALL AID RECIPIENTS WHO WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE SUMMER 2012 SEMESTER OR BEYOND, MUST FILE THEIR 2012/2013 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW CAREFULLY. THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

The DEC Financial Aid Office highly recommends the following procedure for filing your 2012-2013 FAFSA.

1. File your 2011 Federal Income Taxes first. This is a huge change from previous years, so file your tax returns ASAP.
2. After filing your taxes, allow the IRS time to process your return (2-3 weeks for a return filed electronically. 6-8 weeks for a mailed, paper return). This will allow you to use the IRS Data Retrieval option when completing your FAFSA
3. Log on to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete your 2012-2013 FAFSA. When completing your FAFSA, remember to use the IRS Data Retrieval option to directly import your tax information to your application. DEC's school code is 013957.

If you elect not to use the IRS Data Retrieval option, you may still file your FAFSA; however you will be required to provide our office with signed copies of your tax transcripts. These transcripts will be your responsibility to obtain and must come directly from the IRS. Signed copies of 1040 forms are no longer acceptable.

The deadline to file your FAFSA is April 16th, 2012. There are no exceptions.

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