



Northeast State hosts College Goal Sunday Feb. 14

BLOUNTVILLE – Northeast State Community College and other institutions across the state will host the popular College Goal Sunday on Feb. 14, from 2 – 4 p.m. at the College's main campus, 2425 Highway 75, adjacent to Tri-Cities Regional Airport.

College Goal Sunday (www.collegegoalsundayusa.org) is a free, volunteer charitable effort to provide information and assist low-income and first-generation college students and their families. Students planning to attend the workshop need to log onto the Web site to register to allow for efficient seating. College Goal Sunday helps families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) required to qualify for college financial aid nationwide. Tennessee's financial aid experts will volunteer their time to help families in completing the FAFSA application, even if the student has not selected a college.

Before attending the workshop, students should register for a personal identification number (PIN) at www.pin.ed.gov to serve as an electronic signature for the FAFSA account. Students must bring their PIN to the workshop.

Students and/or parents should bring the following items if available:

- 2009 federal tax return or other income documentation
- Social security numbers for student and parents
- Driver's license
- 2009 W-2 forms or other records of income
- 2009 untaxed income records - social security, temporary assistance to needy families, welfare, or veterans benefits records
- 2009 bank statements
- 2009 business and investment mortgage information, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen)

The FAFSA form, used at colleges, universities, and technical schools nationwide, should be submitted before March 1 to get the maximum aid available, even if the student has not selected a college.

In addition to it being the application for federal aid, the FAFSA form also serves as the application for the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship and the Tennessee Student Assistance Award programs. This is vital to the post-secondary application process in Tennessee.

The College Goal Sunday program was created by the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association with funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc. For additional information, contact the Northeast State office of Financial Aid at 423.323.0252 or visit the College Goal Sunday Web site.
