

# FAFSA Open House

Dear Parents and Seniors -

You are invited to FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Completion Open House at Desert Hills High School, **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8pm.** Come any time during those times. Counselors will be available to answer questions as you complete your FAFSA application. **Students need to bring at least one parent** to fill out the parent section of FAFSA.

FAFSA is a great way to help pay for college! **Every senior who is continuing on with their education** (including certificate programs) **should apply for FAFSA.** Even if you don't qualify for grant money, you may still qualify for loans and/or work study. Many scholarships, including regents require you to fill out the FAFSA in order to receive the scholarship. This is a great opportunity to apply for FAFSA while counselors are here to guide you through the process.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded. To be eligible for the scholarship, students need to complete their FAFSA application and bring a copy of their confirmation email to the counseling office prior to 8pm on November 15th. You do NOT need to be present to win.

To Complete the FAFSA please bring:

- Social Security card/ number or alien registration or permanent resident card
- Driver's license
- 2017 Federal Income tax return (and PIN # if filed electronically)
- Parents 2017 Federal Income Tax Return (and PIN # if filed electronically)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the counseling office or look at the Financial Aid page on our website, <http://www.thundercounseling.org/fafsa.html> for detailed instructions on completing the FAFSA application.

**We look forward to seeing you at the DHHS counseling office any time between 5:30pm - 8pm on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

-- DHHS Counseling Office

Commonly asked question: If my student is going on an LDS mission before college should they still fill out the application?

Yes and No. FAFSA has to be updated every year for the upcoming school year - So typically missionaries wouldn't be completing it until they are back. However, we are seeing more students that don't leave for missions as soon as they anticipate due to illness and visa issues. It wouldn't hurt to do FAFSA just in case the student ends up going to school a semester or two before their mission. It also may be worth it for the chance at \$cholarships. It's up to you.