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VASFAA to Host Super Saturday at 22 Sites

On Saturday, January 31, 2009, the Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (VASFAA) will host Super Saturday at 22 sites throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Super Saturday is an annual VASFAA event that invites college-bound students to a location near them to receive **free assistance in completing the FAFSA on-line**, the form required by colleges, universities, and private career schools to qualify for federal grants and loans.

The eighth annual Super Saturday will be held from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at locations across Virginia that include **Arlington, Charlottesville, Chesterfield, Danville, Farmville, Franklin, Front Royal, Grundy, Hopewell, Jonesville, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Melfa, Middletown, New Kent, Newport News, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Richmond, Weyers Cave, Williamsburg and Wise.**

Each Super Saturday will include a financial aid workshop that explains the federal and state financial aid process, followed by a Q & A period. Sites will also have computers available for attendees to apply for federal aid electronically. **This event is open to parents and students of all grade levels as well as adult students.**

The main focus of Super Saturday is to offer one-on-one assistance in completing the FAFSA. Financial aid professionals will be available at each host site. Once the student leaves the event, he/she will have initiated the financial aid process for any college they are interested in attending and will have met the priority filing date for most Virginia colleges. The financial aid process can be overwhelming and VASFAA hopes that by offering students Super Saturday; one day of free, expert assistance to accurately complete the FAFSA; we can help thousands easily begin the process.

A **\$100 Book Scholarship** will be awarded at each Super Saturday site to be used at the winner's college of choice during the 2009-10 academic year. Students and/or parents must bring the following items to facilitate the processing of the online FAFSA:

- **Your U.S. Department of Education assigned Personal Identification Number (PIN); register for the PINs before Super Saturday at www.pin.ed.gov . If you are required to provide parent information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), at least one parent must also have a PIN;**
- Your Social Security Number (can be found on Social Security card) and your parents' Social Security numbers if you are providing parent information;
- Your driver's license number if you have one;
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen;
- 2008 federal tax information or tax returns (including IRS W-2 information) for yourself (and spouse if you are married) and for your parents if you are providing parent information. If you have not yet filed a 2008 income tax return, you can still submit your FAFSA but you must provide income and tax information so plan to either bring last pay stubs for 2008 or a copy of your 2007 federal tax return so that you can provide estimated income and tax information;
- Your 2008 family's untaxed income records - Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare, or veterans benefits records
- Your family's current bank statements
- Your family's current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records

For more information students and parents are encouraged to go to the VASFAA website Super Saturday link at www.vasfaa.org by selecting "2009 Super Saturday Information" under the Important Links section. Also, a special toll-free number is available 24/7 until January 30 to provide general information about Super Saturday:

1-888-FAFSA-4-U