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College Goal Sunday Washington offers financial aid assistance for college-bound students

Everett High School will host a free event for students and their parents interested in learning about federal financial aid for college and scholarship opportunities for Washington students.

Everett High School will host College Goal Sunday Washington, Jan. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at 2416 Colby Ave., in the main building library. The event is one of a series happening across the state for students and their families interested in learning about federal financial aid.

College Goal Sunday is a free program that helps students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the form that is required to apply for federal financial assistance for higher education.

As part of each College Goal Sunday Washington event, students who attend and register at www.thewashboard.org, a free scholarship clearinghouse for Washington students, will be eligible to win one of two \$500 college scholarships from the Northwest Education Loan Association Center for Student Success (NELA). NELA is contributing \$40,000 towards the College Goal Sunday Washington scholarship program.

"The majority of college students need financial aid to attend college today," said Karen deVilla, executive director of NELA. "The biggest barrier to college is money and knowing where to get the money you need."

The FAFSA is considered the gateway to accessing financial aid resources, such as school loans and scholarships. Federal student loans offer many benefits not typically found in private loans, including low fixed interest rates, income-based repayment plans, loan forgiveness, and deferment options.

Originally held the Sunday after the Super Bowl, the fifth-annual College Goal Sunday Washington series of events will take place throughout January and February at multiple locations across the state. More information can be found at www.collegegoalsundaywa.org/event-locations/.

Nationally, events are scheduled in 47 states, plus the District of Columbia. College Goal Sunday is supported by NELA Center for Student Success, YMCA USA and the Lumina Foundation for Education.

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