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Get FREE help applying for college and technical school financial aid

Five FREE workshops offered throughout Snohomish County; scholarships available too!

Students and families can get free, professional help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for college and technical school. To be considered for federal and state grants, loans and scholarships at most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools nationwide in 2013, students must complete the FAFSA.

Doing so is no easy task, as those who have done so in the past can attest. However, a number of organizations across the county – and across the U.S. – are partnering to make help available.

In Snohomish County in January, the following free workshops are available to anyone seeking post-high school education for 2013-14.

1/7/2013	6 - 8:30 p.m.	Stanwood High School 7400 272nd St. NW, Stanwood 98292
1/12/2013	2 - 5 p.m.	Everett High School 2416 Colby Ave., Everett 98201
1/17/2013	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Cascade High School 801 E. Casino Road, Everett 98203
1/24/2013	6 - 8:00 p.m.	Everett Community College East Campus 14090 Fryelands, Blvd., Lake Tye Building, Ste. 373 Monroe 98272
1/26/2013	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Everett Community College Main Campus 2000 Tower St., Everett 98201

The workshops are staffed by volunteers and experts to help students and families complete the FAFSA. After an informational meeting, participants will go to computer labs and begin filling out the FAFSA. Volunteers will be available to help.

Because household financial information is a key part of completing the form, prospective students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend the events together. Besides financial records (recent tax forms and/or pay stubs), students should bring their social security number and driver's license (if available). Even if prospective students do not have all of their paperwork together, they are still encouraged to attend the event to get the process started.

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To register, go to www.collegegoalsundaywa.org. Registration is not required to attend, but allows volunteers to have a better sense of the number of people planning to attend. The website also gives full details about what is needed to complete the FAFSA, as well as helpful tips and other event locations throughout the state.

[The YMCA of Snohomish County](#) is supporting two of the local events, one in Stanwood and the other in Monroe. [Everett Community College](#) will provide financial aid experts to assist at the Everett Community College Main Campus and Monroe/East Campus events. The Stanwood event will be supported by financial aid experts from the [Northwest Alliance for College Access](#). Events are also being offered at Everett High School and Cascade High School, with the assistance of United Way of Snohomish County. Jackson High School held its FAFSA event in December and is encouraging students who missed it to attend one of the other county events.

The Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA will provide free child care for those who need it during the Jan. 24 event. Photo ID is required to sign children in and out of the program. Children age 6 weeks to 10 can play in the Y Adventure Zone while older kids age 11-18 can hang out in the teen center. To reserve your child care spot, RSVP to hlunstrum@ymca-snoco.org.

The Snohomish County workshops are part of the nationwide [College Goal Sunday](#) program. Originally held the Sunday after the Super Bowl, the [College Goal Sunday Washington](#) series of events will take place throughout January and February at locations across the state.

For more details about College Goal Sunday Washington, the FAFSA, locations or what to bring, visit www.collegegoalsundaywa.org or call 888-758-2253.

As part of each College Goal Sunday Washington event, students who attend and complete an event survey – will be eligible to win one of 60 \$250 college scholarships offered throughout the state from the [Northwest Education Loan Association Center for Student Success](#) (NELA). NELA is contributing \$15,000 toward the College Goal Sunday Washington scholarship program.

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