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State's college aid deadline is March 10

With Indiana's financial aid filing deadline less than a week away, time is running out to get cash for college. Hoosiers planning to attend college this fall—both current and prospective students—must file the FAFSA (or Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by Thursday, March 10, to qualify for the maximum amount of financial aid.

About half of Indiana's prospective college students potentially forfeit thousands of dollars in state college aid because of late financial aid paperwork. In response, state officials are asking students to complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.gov, as that's the fastest and easiest way to file accurately and on time.

The state's latest push to encourage FAFSA filers is one aspect of Indiana's annual Cash for College campaign. Led by Learn More Indiana, the Cash for College campaign promotes specific, practical steps to help students at all levels get to and through college. Learn more at CashforCollegeIndiana.org.

What you need to file the FAFSA

Make sure you have the following information before visiting FAFSA.gov to file your FAFSA:

- 1) Student's Social Security Number
- 2) Student's driver's license (if applicable)
- 3) Most recent federal tax return (IRS form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)

Most high school students and dependent college students will need to include their parents' information. Individuals who are not U.S. citizens will need their alien registration numbers or permanent residence cards.

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About Cash for College

Hoosiers today understand the importance of continuing their education after high school, but many students struggle to save, apply and pay for college. That's where Indiana's Cash for College campaign comes in. Held annually in the lead-up to Indiana's March 10th financial aid deadline, Cash for College works to equip students and families with the practical steps needed to plan and pay for college. The campaign supports local students and communities with a variety of helpful resources, including grade-specific goals, student contests, special events, and more. Learn more at CashforCollegeIndiana.org.

About Learn More Indiana

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