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Reminder: This weekend is FAFSA College Goal Sunday

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This Sunday is College Goal Sunday in Indiana, an opportunity for students and their families to take advantage of free help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The FAFSA form is mandatory for a student to be considered for financial aid for college. March 10 is the deadline for Indiana students to fill out the FAFSA and submit it.

College Goal Sunday will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday (local time) at 36 locations in Indiana, including these sites:

- >South Bend: Ivy Tech Community College, east entrance, 220 Dean Johnson Blvd.
- >Plymouth: Plymouth High School library, No. 1 Big Red Drive.
- >Elkhart: Room 133, Ivy Tech Community College, 2521 Industrial Parkway.
- >Goshen: Newcomer Center, Goshen College, 1700 S. Main St. (Spanish interpreter available at this site.)
- >Warsaw: Room 101, Ivy Tech Community College, 3755 Lake City Highway.
- >Westville: Library-Student-Faculty Building, Room 144, Purdue University North Central, 1401 S. U.S. 421. (Spanish interpreter available at this site.)

College financial aid professionals will be available at all the sites to provide assistance in filling out the forms.

It is not necessary for a family's 2008 tax return to be completed to file the FAFSA. Families can estimate their taxes for the form then update it later when the tax returns are completed.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education wants more Indiana families to file the critical college financial aid form before the deadline.

The commission says more than 150,000 Indiana residents missed the deadline last year to submit the FAFSA.

Some families may not file because the form seems to complicated or because they think they won't qualify for aid. But higher education advocates want more people to file the form.

The commission is providing step-by-step instructional videos online. The commission is also planning a live online chat to answer questions about the form on Feb. 27.

[Check for more information on College Goals Sunday.](#)

[Check on FAFSA video guides.](#)

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