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State's college aid deadline is March 10

Hoosiers running out of time to qualify for more than \$250 million in state aid

Hoosiers are running out of time to qualify for the maximum amount of college financial aid this year. Anyone planning to attend college this fall—both current and prospective students—must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by Wednesday, March 10, to be considered for more than \$250 million in state aid.

Last year, one out of every two Hoosiers—more than 177,000—potentially forfeited thousands of dollars in state college aid because of late financial aid paperwork. Concerned by the growing number of students who submit their FAFSA after Indiana's deadline, the state of Indiana recently launched its Cash for College campaign.

Led by Learn More Indiana—a partnership of the state agencies responsible for education, financial aid and workforce development—the Cash for College campaign is promoting a variety of free resources for students and families, including:

- **FAFSA on the Web** (www.fafsa.ed.gov), the official online version of the FAFSA established by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition to offering live chat assistance, it was recently simplified with 22 fewer questions, an enhanced "skip logic" feature to allow students to bypass unnecessary questions.
- **Financial aid videos**, free online videos offering on-demand information on financial aid and paying for college can be viewed at www.learnmoreindiana.org/cashforcollege.
- **Indiana's Guide to Paying for College: Step-by-Step Tips To Help High School Seniors Apply for Financial Aid**, a free publication with step-by-step tips to help students and families apply for financial aid that can be downloaded at www.learnmoreindiana.org/ordermaterials.

Every year the federal government awards \$83 billion in financial aid to help American students pay for college. The state of Indiana contributes an additional \$250 million in state aid. For any student to be considered, the FAFSA must be submitted correctly and on time. To meet Indiana's March 10 deadline, families should file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Made possible by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Indiana's Cash for College campaign promotes practical steps students and families can take to plan and pay for college. For more information on the Cash for College campaign, visit www.learnmoreindiana.org/cashforcollege.

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