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Free FAFSA Filing Assistance Offered by Concord Nonprofit

Concord, NH - Beginning October 1, high school seniors from New Hampshire will turn their attention to an important step in the college application process for the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year - applying for financial aid. The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** is required by all colleges and universities nationwide to determine a student's eligibility for federal financial aid, federal education grants and for some universities, institutional grants.

The NHHEAF Network Organizations' Center for College Planning (CCP) assists New Hampshire families with completing the FAFSA in their Concord office. As part of these free, individual counseling appointments, the Organizations' college counselors also provide assistance in understanding postsecondary financing options beyond federal and institutional aid.

"Each year, approximately 10,000 New Hampshire high school seniors take this important step in the college process. To maximize federal and institutional financial aid, it is critically important for students and parents to submit the FAFSA by a college's published deadline," according to College Outreach Specialist Valerie Castonguay. "Our experienced counselors work with families to accurately complete this form."

To register for a FAFSA filing appointment, or for assistance with a FAFSA question, please call 888.747.2382, ext. 119. For important FAFSA filing tips, visit the Paying for College section of NHHEAF's website at nhheaf.org. For more information about the FAFSA, please visit fafsa.gov.

The NHHEAF Network Organizations are comprised of three active 501(c)(3) nonprofit agencies - New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF), Granite State Management & Resources (GSM&R), and New Hampshire Higher Education Loan Corporation (NHHELCO). For more information about the Organizations, please visit nhheafnetwork.org.

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