



## Do you need Financial Aid for 2012-2013?

**All** students wishing to apply for financial aid for the 2012-2013 academic year must complete a 2012-2013 FAFSA. You must complete a FAFSA (or a renewal FAFSA) to receive aid for the 2012-2013 academic year which begins with Fall Semester 2012 even if you are currently receiving financial aid.

### Important Changes Affecting Financial Aid for 2012-2013

#### ↳ FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval

- ➔ The Department of Education strongly recommends that students use the IRS Data Retrieval option to download tax information directly to the FAFSA from the IRS when possible.
- ➔ The number of FAFSA applications selected for verification will be significantly less for those who use the IRS Data Retrieval option.
- ➔ Tax data will be available through the IRS Data Retrieval option within one to two weeks after electronic submission of taxes to the IRS beginning February 1, 2012.

#### ↳ Students Selected for Verification *(only applicable if selected for verification)*

- ➔ The only acceptable documentation for verifying tax information will be IRS Data Retrieval on the FAFSA or an official tax transcript from the IRS for tax filers, and W2 forms for non-tax filers. **A copy of a federal tax return (Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, etc.) will no longer be accepted for 2012-2013.** Please note that it can take six to eight weeks to receive a tax transcript from the IRS.
- ➔ Documentation from the appropriate agency verifying receipt of SNAP (food stamps) will be required if applicable.
- ➔ Documentation verifying the annual amount **paid** in child support will be required if applicable.

#### ↳ Financial Aid Deadlines for Complete Files *(to ensure an award prior to fee payment)*

- ➔ Fall Semester 2012 – July 15, 2012
- ➔ Spring Semester 2013 – November 15, 2012
- ➔ Summer Semester 2013 – April 15, 2013

#### ↳ Please check the Financial Aid website often for updates.