



# Attention Parents:

A college education can be more than just a dream for your child -- **FINANCIAL AID** can help make it a reality.

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## #1 KNOW THE FACTS

- ✓ Filing for federal and state aid may help you and your family pay for college.
- ✓ Submission of the federal/state financial aid forms is the only way for students to become eligible for most scholarships, grants, work-study and other types of financial aid.
- ✓ Completed federal and state financial aid forms are required by most colleges before they will pay out grants, scholarships, work study, loans or other types of federal, state or institutional aid.
- ✓ **FILE EARLY!** Financial aid is awarded on a first-come first-served basis, beginning January 2013, so the sooner students apply for financial aid, the more money they are likely to receive.

Student FAFSA pin:

Parent FAFSA pin:



## #2 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Get free help, in English or Spanish, completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) through:

- **GO Centers** – At all SAISD high schools, on school days
- **Café College** – Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m.- 8 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. [www.cafecollege.org](http://www.cafecollege.org)
- **Student Aid Saturdays** – [www.studentaidsa.org](http://www.studentaidsa.org) for dates and locations, including Highlands High School, 3118 Elgin Ave., April 20.

Learn more at [www.saisd.net](http://www.saisd.net), under Parents tab

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## #3 KNOW WHAT TO BRING

What information do I need to file for financial aid?

- ✓ Student's and parents' 2012 IRS tax forms and W2s or web link into IRS
- ✓ Student's and parents' social security numbers
- ✓ Student's alien registration number, if applicable
- ✓ Student's and parents' untaxed income information (e.g. child support)
- ✓ Student's and parents' other financial information (e.g. net worth of business, farm assets, etc.)
- ✓ Student's and parents' exact dates of birth



Getting you & your child ready for the college admissions process

