

FAFSA Information (January 9, 2012)

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We are so lucky!!! – Delmer Esters from **Education Quest** will be at **Central City High School** to assist seniors and their parents with filing of the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** on **Wednesday, February 22nd**. In order to be ready for this, parents will need to complete and file their family's 2011 taxes by the first part of February. Seniors and one parent would also need to obtain pin #s from www.pin.ed.gov a week or so ahead of time.

Delmer Esters will be at our school from Noon until 8 pm. **Please call the Educational Planning Office of Education Quest in Lincoln right away for an appointment at 800-303-3745.** It takes approximately 30 minutes per student for these appointments if you are prepared with all of your materials. Education Quest does not go to all schools with this service. Make use of it! For more information about the FAFSA, go to www.educationquest.org.

2012-2013 School Year - For a list of items needed for the FAFSA, the **STUDENT** must answer the following dependency questions to determine if parental information is required.

Were you born before January 1, 1989?

As of today, are you married? Answer "Yes" if separated, but not divorced.

Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year?

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty?

Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you?

Do you have any dependents (other than a child or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you?

At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If you answered YES to any of the questions above you are an **independent student** so parental information is *not* required on the FAFSA.

If you answered NO to all of the questions above you are a **dependent student** and must supply student *and* parent information on the FAFSA as follows:

Items needed for the 2012-2013 FAFSA for Dependent Students – You must bring the items that apply to your situation if you wish to have Delmer Esters file the FAFSA with you at CCHS on February 22nd. You must bring your actual completed tax information. Contact Education Quest for an appointment time and also if you have any questions about what to bring at 402-475-5222 or at 800-303-3745.

<u>Documents:</u>	<u>Where to find it:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2011 Federal Income Tax Forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Personal records or call the IRS at 800-829-1040 - allow 10 days processing by mail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2011 W-2 forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Personal records <i>or</i> contact your employer(s) <i>or</i> call the IRS at 800-829-1040
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent ○ student 	Apply or request a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov ahead of time and bring these with you to the appointment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student's driver's license number 	Personal records
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Security Numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Birth Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Personal records
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed 	Personal records
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current cash and checking/savings account balances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Personal records or from your bank
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current investment values (stocks, savings bonds, mutual funds, CDs) <i>excluding</i> parent's home and retirement plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Statements from the financial institution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current business value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	From your accountant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current investment farm value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	From your accountant

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2011 Child support paid or received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Personal records or Nebraska Payment Center toll free at 877-631-9973 or www.Nebraskachildsupport.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2011 Workers' compensation benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Contact your employer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterans noneducation benefits 	Personal records or Department of Veterans Affairs toll free at 800-827-1000 or www.va.gov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2011 Housing/food/living allowance for military and clergy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parent(s) ○ student 	Leave and Earnings Statement (military) or W-2 from (clergy)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Alien Registration Number / USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens 	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at www.uscis.gov

Be prepared to answer the following FAFSA question:

Did the student or anyone in the household receive any of the following federal benefits? _Yes _No

- Supplemental Security Income
- TANF
- Food Stamps
- WIC
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch

You may file the FAFSA electronically yourself at www.fafsa.gov. If you have questions about this you may wish to view the information on the EducationQuest website at www.educationquest.org or make a call to their office.

EducationQuest in Lincoln

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800-303-3745

Please note: You must be on a strict timeline if you plan to apply for the **Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship**. You must have your Student Aid Report (SAR) back from the FAFSA by the end of February if you plan to apply for this outstanding scholarship. Go to www.buffettscholarships.org for information.

Also: Any student who is accepted at Wayne State, Chadron State, or Peru State who qualifies for any portion of a Pell Grant through the FAFSA, can attend a state college tuition free through the **NSCS Advantage Program**. Any student who is accepted at UNL, UNK, or UNO who qualifies for any portion of a Pell Grant through the FAFSA can attend a public university tuition free through the **Collegebound Nebraska Program**. Contact the Financial Aid Office at the public college or university you are interested in for more information and deadlines.