FAFSA/TASFA Renewal Workshops

In order for your student to continue receiving financial aid, including the Regents’ Scholarship, during the 2012-2013 academic year, they must complete the Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA becomes available on January 1, 2012. The Scholarships & Financial Aid Office encourages students to submit the FAFSA form by March 1, 2012 to receive priority in awarding. To expedite the process, we encourage you to file your tax return as early as possible.

In order to complete the FAFSA, your student will need:

- Student and parent social security numbers
- W-2 Forms & any other records of money earned for both the student and parents
- Student’s 2011 federal income tax return
- Parents’ 2011 federal income tax return
- If filing electronically, PIN for both the student and the parents

In order to expedite this process for the student, Scholarships & Financial Aid will be hosting several Renewal FAFSA/TASFA workshops for Regents’ Scholars during the Spring semester. Please encourage your students to attend these workshops if they need assistance filing their FAFSA. These events are scheduled for:

- February 15, 2012  9:30AM-10:30AM
- February 16, 2012  11:00AM-12:00PM
- February 17, 2012  12:30PM-1:30PM
- February 18, 2012  2:00PM-3:00PM

Registration is required. To register, students should visit http://financialaid.tamu.edu/workshops.


Words of Wisdom

“Work to become, not to acquire.”

~ Elbert Hubbard

Continuing Student Scholarship

Application is Up!

https://scholarships.tamu.edu

Below is a listing of all the dept/colleges that participate with our one application:

- Scholarships & Financial Aid
- College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
  - Department of Agricultural Economics
  - Department of Entomology
  - Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences
- College of Education & Human Development
- College of Engineering
  - Department of Aerospace Engineering
- Department of Chemical Engineering
- Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Department of Engineering Technology & Industrial Distribution
- Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Engineering Study Abroad
- College of Geosciences
- College of Science
- Mays Business School
- Department of Biomedical Sciences
- Department of English
- International Student Services
- Study Abroad Programs Office
- Texas A&M Foundation
Externships provide an opportunity for freshmen through graduate students to visit a company in their field of study for a day. These are opportunities for students to learn more about their fields in a low-stress environment. Students may explore specific careers, make professional connections, and gather first-hand experience from professionals.

Benefits:
- See firsthand about day-to-day work activities from professionals in your chosen field
- Visit as many as 6 companies
- Meet and network with professionals
- Observe a company’s culture and operations
- Explore your interest and work expectations within a company
- Learn about new technologies and products
- Discover a company’s hiring process and what the company looks for when selecting new employees
- Investigate career paths for people with your major

Dates: January 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2012

Requirements:
- Students must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a major that the Employer wants to host.
- You should live within close proximity to or be willing to travel on your own to Austin, Bryan/College Station, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston, or San Antonio.
- You are encouraged to attend an AggiExternship Information Session. If you are unable to attend this information session, please contact 979.845.7725.
- Students are responsible for all of their own expenses including travel, meals, accommodations, etc.
- Students sign-up for a specific company on a first come, first served basis until the maximum number of Students for that Company is reached.
- Students can visit as many as 6 AggiExternship Host Companies.
- If you fail to show-up at a Host Company that you have committed to
  - you can be blocked from the Career Center services
  - your Department Head will be notified
  - you must write a letter of apology to the Host Company Representative

Additional Information: http://careercenter.tamu.edu/guides/externship

Contact Advisor: David McMahon
Associate Director, Career Center
979.845.7725
davidm@careercenter.tamu.edu

Retrieved and adapted from the Texas A&M Career Center website: http://careercenter.tamu.edu
I’ve been watching Heroes in my spare time and there has been some major flashbacking and flashforwarding to explain another way to save the world. Though saving the world is left to Hiro Nakamura and the other 9th Wonders, I have accepted the task to save my winter break. Normally, I would dive into my winter creek of bliss only to find that I need to learn how to swim first or face the threat of drowning in the pool of boredom. Goals for this winter break? Let’s visit last winter break to see what the answers are…

Winter Break 2010—Asiya sits on the couch, eating her third bag of chips while watching a re-run of Friends. She experienced the cold daylight when she went out to get the mail yesterday but since it’s Sunday, there’s no reason for her to go out. Her tan is rapidly fading and so is her spirit. Her friends went to U Paint It. They invited her through text but she didn’t go. “I’m tired” was Asiya’s excuse.

Clearly, I didn’t use my time correctly. I thought I had to spend time with my family when the fact was that they were at work and busy without me, living life. They left me a car so I would hang out with my friends; I never stepped out so I didn’t get the message. During this winter break, I too will live my life and thus spend time with my friends and sisters jumping on the trampoline, going to Santa’s Wonderland and watching new TV shows that have tons of plot twists so I have to use my brain. Netflix will attest to the new TV shows I watch with my mom, which include Gossip Girl, Mad Men, and Arrested Development while my sisters will make sure I eat healthy since they love to spoil their little sister as taste tester for new recipes. The last time I went to my sister’s house, I learned to cook as I ate. Cooking and me! A life skill I never thought I’d learn. Though it wasn’t my goal to cook, I learned anyways because I had the initiative to do things that will keep me happy. What else will make me happy? Being faster. One sure fire way to become faster is to learn to skateboard. Some of you may be wondering why I have this preoccupation to be quick on my feet. Well let’s flashback to a couple weeks ago…

Midterm day—10:00am, MSC Auction begins. Asiya spots a skateboard and smiles as a guy in a black suit grabs it and runs to the auction line. I wanna learn to ride one, she thought while looking through the USB pile. I gotta go; scantron, pencil, 10:03am. She walked out of the building smiling at the auction-goers and headed towards the Rec Center where her class was. Suddenly, she stopped. Where was her wallet…the Pavilion. She changed direction and frantically ran down Joe Route, calling her co-worker, “My wallet is with you from earlier and my class begins at 10:20 and I have a midterm today at the Rec and I waited for the auction and now I’ll be late!”

10:10, she takes two steps at a time up the stairs and enters through the “Staff Only” entrance. No breather—gotta run. 10:18, almost there. Why does running a mile take me 10 minutes? I need a bike but who would lend me their bike? I’d be late cuz I’d have to lock it up anyways.

10:19, a skateboarder whizzes by. I hate skateboarders! Unless I was one. 10:21, arrives at class. 10:26, instructor hands out midterm. It’s 10 questions, True or False. Asiya needs a skateboard, True or False?

After visiting the past, I’ve come to the conclusion that I can learn from my experiences and further, change something about myself if I apply what I’ve learned. What’s the point of knowing something important if you don’t use it? I know I want a fun winter break, to stay healthy, and to skateboard. Therefore, I will have fun, stay healthy, and skateboard. I should probably read and watch the news too…Hunger Games and Jon Stewart, here I come!

Asiya Bhura
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