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EIU Plans FAFSA Completion Workshops for Community Residents

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Financial aid staff from Eastern Illinois University, in association with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and the Illinois Association of Financial Aid Administrators, will present two College Awareness and Preparation Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops.

These workshops are available for any parents in the surrounding area who have college-bound students for the 2009-2010 academic year. It does not matter whether your child plans to attend EIU or another college or community college.

Reservations are requested so a sufficient number of staff members will be available. The workshops are free as a public service to the residents of Charleston and surrounding communities.

The sessions will begin with a brief overview of the financial aid process and what families can expect after FAFSA completion. Participants will be taken step-by-step through the 2009-2010 FAFSA Worksheet with an online demonstration of FAFSA on the Web.

It is recommended that participants bring their 2008 federal income tax return, if complete, so they can actually complete the FAFSA Worksheet and be ready to file their own FAFSA on the Web. Questions will be answered in a group or individually. Participants' privacy will be respected.

Interested persons may attend either of the two workshops, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Both will be held at the Neal Welcome Center, located at the intersection (southeast corner) of Lincoln Avenue and Douglas Street in Charleston.

Please RSVP by calling 217-581-3714 or e-mailing pbailey@eiu.edu.