

FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

FINANCIAL AID: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FAFSA

Part of your Twenty-first Century Scholars pledge says that you will apply for financial aid on time. But what exactly does that mean? As a freshman, sophomore or junior, what does this promise have to do with you? How do you go about applying for financial aid when the time is right? While applying for financial aid might be a year or more in your future, now is the time to start thinking about the process.

ALL students apply for financial aid during their senior year of high school. If you are an underclassman, you do not have to apply, but it is wise to know about the process before the time comes.

The deadline for seniors to apply for financial aid is March 10th, during their last semester of high school. However, it's wise to apply as early in the last semester as you possibly can in order to avoid the crunch of last-minute filings.

GRANT COUNTY FAFSA DAY SCHEDULE

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| MISSISSINEWA | February 16 |
| MADISON-GRANT | February 17 |
| OAK HILL | February 18 |
| MARION | February 24 |
| EASTBROOK | February 25 |

FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) is the name of the application for financial aid. While in the past it has been a paper form, today it is most commonly completed online. Students must have information about their household's income in order to complete the FAFSA. In preparing for the application, a student

should request these documents from their parents or guardians ahead of time, or schedule a time to complete the application when a parent or guardian can be present.

This year, Project Leadership in conjunction with all five of Grant County schools will be hosting FAFSA days to assist senior students in completing this essential application. Seniors can come with their household documents and receive assistance from trained professionals to complete their FAFSA online.

If you know a senior, please encourage them to take advantage of this assistance. FAFSA is not an applica-

PROJECT PORTFOLIO LETS STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR STORIES



More students than ever before have a chance to highlight their dreams, talents and skills through Project Portfolio. For the third year, Project Leadership is providing portfolio kits to mentoring program participants and encouraging them to tell their own stories.

A portfolio is a powerful way for a student to market themselves to potential schools and employers. It can also make a student stand apart from a crowded pool of applicants. Time and again, business and educational professionals have said that an applicant with a portfolio such as this is much more attractive than one without.

Project Portfolio kits include 10 sections for students to personalize with their own thoughts and experiences, and April there is an annual portfolio contest. Prizes are given for best freshman, sophomore and junior portfolios. Also, awards are given for individual pages as well.

Portfolio kits are available to students through their mentor. If you are interested in beginning your portfolio, encourage your mentor to contact Project

Leadership at: (765) 651-0650 or via email at sgibson@projectleadership.org.

THINGS TO DO!



February proves to be an exciting month. Project Leadership will hold its third annual bowling party for mentors, mentees and their families on the thirteenth. There are also a number of other great events for mentors and mentees to get out and enjoy!

PL's 3rd Annual Bowling Party

Each year Project Leadership invites mentors, mentees and their families to join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Project Leadership will provide shoes, lanes and food. Guests provide the fun!

February 13

6-8 p.m.

Plaza Bowl, Marion

Free

The Boys Next Door

This humorous play tells the story of four mentally disturbed men living in a group home. Taking place over a two-month time period, the audience is presented with a series of depictions of real-world situations these men have to deal with.

February 5-7, 12-14

Marion Civic Theatre

6 - 8 pm

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Medea @ IWU's Black Box Theatre 7:30 p.m. (through Sat.) | 5 Boys Next Door Marion Civic Theatre 7:30 p.m. (through Sun.) | 6 James Dean Birthday Fairmount Museum 10 a.m.—5 p.m. (through Sun.) |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Mississinewa Scholars Club After School In the library | 11 | 12 Boys Next Door Marion Civic Theatre 7:30 p.m. (through Sun.) | 13 PL's Bowling Party 6-8 p.m. Plaza Bowl, Marion |
| 14 | 15 Structured Meeting Oak Hill After School | 16 Structured Meeting Miss. and M-G After School Mentor Training: Learning Styles @ Ivy Tech 6-7 p.m. | 17 Structured Meeting Marion After School | 18 Structured Meeting Eastbrook After School Marion Scholars Club After School In the library | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>PROJECT LEADERSHIP'S 3RD ANNUAL BOWLING PARTY! MENTORS, MENTEES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED</p> </div> | | | | | | |
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PHOTOS FROM PROJECT LEADERSHIP'S 2009 BOWLING PARTY



Danielle Hudson and her mentor Lindsey Hawk take a break before the tenth frame to pose for a quick photo.



Brittany Tarlton and her mentor Tara Mast get strikes and strike poses at Project Leadership's bowling party.



Taleeza Foudray and mentor Sarah Cooper take a break at the Plaza Bowl during the 2009 bowling party.