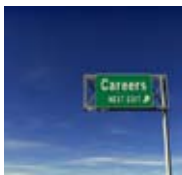


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What's Next? Test Dates & Deadlines

1. January 24 @ 6:30 PM @Shalom: Financial Aid Night
2. February 12 ACT: Register by January 7
3. March 12 SAT: Register by February 11

WORKSHOP WISDOM



Planning is already under way for Career Day 2011 to be held at Shalom Christian Academy on February 8, 2011. Twenty plus presenters will assist our students in exploring various career options. Cedric Roth will be our keynote speaker. Parents are welcome and may even be called upon to present!

In order to receive institutional, state, or federal financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The quickest way to apply is online using FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov (You can also download a paper copy or call a toll free number for a paper copy. See Mr. Shank for more information on these options.) Please note the emphasis on FREE-- you should not pay someone to fill out a free application!

Both the student and their parents must apply for a Federal Student Aid PIN (Personal Identification Number). If the student and their parents sign the FAFSA on the Web electronically using a PIN, your FAFSA will reach colleges weeks faster than the paper FAFSA plus making corrections is much simpler and less time consuming.

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web as soon after January 1st as possible for maximum consideration of all available

student aid programs. You may use the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet to assist with this process. Be aware of college deadlines for financial aid-- they are generally earlier than state and federal deadlines. For example, the FAFSA submission deadline for Penn State is February 15th

The student and their parents should complete their federal income taxes before completing your FAFSA on the Web; but if you cannot, you may use estimated tax information.

Here is some information you will need to pull together in order to complete the FAFSA: The student's social security number and the parents' Social Security numbers plus the student's driver's license number if they have one. You should also have federal tax information or better yet tax returns. Also, be prepared with records of untaxed income and information on savings and investments.

And don't forget to apply for scholarships from businesses and foundations and other private organizations. Check out www.shalomca.com/Guidance/surfing for scholarship search web sites.

Join us for Financial Aid Night on Monday, January 24 at 6:30 P.M. in the Shalom library. Learn about the college financial aid process and receive answers to your questions from a college financial aid officer. You can even receive personal help on the FAFSA form!

College Open Houses....At a Glance

- Eastern Mennonite: 2/24,25
- Geneva College: 1/28
- Messiah College: 2/21
- Rosedale Bible College: 1/27-29
- Lancaster Bible College: 1/28
- Liberty University: 2/10-13
- Shippensburg University: 3/19