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A FAFSA Event is coming to Your Community!

The priority filing date for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is December 1, for most Montana schools. <SCHOOL NAME> is hosting a FAFSA Event on <ADD DATE> to help students and families complete this form.

Filling out the FAFSA is an important step in the process to securing federal, state, and institutional aid to help pay for school. Every year, students and parents miss out on financial aid simply because they don't apply.

About \$150 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study funds is available each year, and that doesn't include the state and institutional aid that is out there. Financial aid professionals in Montana will tell you that the return on the investment of taking half an hour or 45 minutes to complete the FAFSA is worth it.

To get assistance completing this important form, go to <LOCATION> between <ADD EVENT TIMES HERE>. No appointments necessary. You'll need these items to complete the FAFSA:

- FSA ID – Both students and parents will need FSA IDs, if the student is under the age of 24. Log on to fsaid.ed.gov to get your FSA ID.
- Social Security numbers (students and parents)
- 2018 federal tax returns
- W-2s, tribal income, other aid information (TANF, child support, other benefits)
- Additional asset information (money market funds, stocks, other investments)

The priority FAFSA filing date for most Montana schools is Dec. 1. Students attending schools in other states should contact their school directly regarding priority dates.

For more information about this event, contact <NAME AND PHONE NUMBER>