IMPORTANT! READ ENTIRE STATEMENT! IMPORTANT!

Dear EOPS Student,

Next month EOPS and Financial Aid offices jointly, will be offering FAFSA Completion workshops to EOPS students to assist you with completing and submitting the 2011-2012 FAFSA on the spot. Laptop computers are used for these workshops.

The US Department of Education is sending emails to students reminding them to file their 2011-2012 renewal FAFSA. Make sure to read that email very carefully and **renew your FAFSA online**.

Here are some options you may consider: a) you may choose to do it on your own, b) attend one of the FAFSA COMPLETION workshops offered by EOPS and Financial Aid offices (computer enhanced), c) get help from the Financial Aid Office (FAO), or d) attend one of the FAFSA workshops offered by the FAO available to all students.

No matter which option you select, make sure to submit your application in a timely manner. Although there are different priority deadlines for state and federal financial aid, to ensure that your application is processed and that your financial aid award package is in place by the EOPS spring 2011 deadline of May 14, 2011 (for spring 2011 EOPS grant award and summer/fall 2011 EOPS book voucher award), submit your 2011-2012 FAFSA application by March 2nd, 2011.

Please remember that the financial benefits you receive from the EOPS program depend upon your eligibility for financial aid, and whether your financial aid file has been processed or not. In order to complete the financial aid process, you not only need to submit your FAFSA by the deadline, but also to follow up with the FAO to make sure that you submit all the documents that the Financial Aid Office requests in a timely manner.

Click on the <u>FAFSA Completion Workshops</u> link for the <u>EOPS/FAO workshop schedule</u> and give us a call at (818) 240-1000X6900, or stop by the EOPS Office Annex to sign-up for the workshop. You may also refer to the PDF attachment for the workshop schedule. **Please make sure to have your financial aid 4-digit PIN number available when attending FAFSA completion workshop.**

Click on the <u>FAO website</u> link for helpful financial aid information, important deadlines and links to FAFSA and BOGW applications.

Remember to visit EOPS website for additional program information and helpful links.

Get your FAFSA done !!!

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