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TSAA 2014-15

Beginning with the 2014-15 academic year, the awarding process for the Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA), the state's need-based grant program, will change. Applications with a completion date (an application that is complete and error free) by March 1 will be considered. The maximum Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will remain at 2100.

Below is a summary of the awarding process:

- Renewals, TSAA recipients who received an award in the prior year (2013-14), will be given first priority if their applications are complete by March 1. Renewal students must continue to have an EFC of 2100 or less to receive the award.
- All other eligible applicants who

have a completion date on or before March 1 will be ranked based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and completion date after the deadline.

- o Applicants with a zero EFC will be given first priority.
- o If funding remains after awarding zero EFC students then awards will be made to applicants with EFCs greater than zero.

Students should continue to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov as early as possible after January 1. If you have questions about the new awarding methodology, please contact Naomi Derryberry at 615/253.7478 or naomi.derryberry@tn.gov or Tim Phelps at 615.253.7441 or tim.phelps@tn.gov.



Merry Christmas to you from your colleagues at TSAC!

College Goal Tennessee

You can make a difference! Volunteers are needed to assist our students and family members with financial aid information and completing the FAFSA at our College Goal Tennessee sites. We need friendly helpers to serve as greeters and financial aid administrators to serve as experts. You may register as a volunteer by going to our website, www.tn.gov/CollegeGoalSunday and clicking on the volunteer tab.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sarah Quinlan at sarah.quinlan@tn.gov or by phone at 615.253.7461.



New Financial Aid Officer Training Workshop

Register now to reserve your spot for the training workshop on December 11, 2013 at the TSAC offices in Nashville. The sessions for the day include the following topics:

- ABC's of FAFSA
- Making Sure Your Student Is Eligible
- Verification 2014-2015
- Free Default Aversion and Prevention Assistance
- State Grant and Scholarship Programs
- Lottery Scholarship Program

Please R.S.V.P. to Karen Myers by email, your plans for you or your staff to attend the workshop. Directions and parking information will be provided once you have registered to attend. Refreshments will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the workshop sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The deadline for reserving your space is December 5th. Karen's e-mail address is karen.myers@tn.gov.

Staff Training on Default Aversion Topics

The TSAC Default Aversion Field Representatives offer staff training on a variety of Default Aversion issues. Training is available on any of the following topics, and we are happy to build a customized training package for your specific needs as well.

- Repayment Plans
- NSLDS for Schools with Edconnect
- LRDR Analysis for Draft & Final CDRs
- Pros & Cons of Consolidation
- Telephone Calls to Borrowers
- Deferment & Forbearance
- Loan Cancellation & Forgiveness



Contact your regional representative to schedule your training today:
Jill Vickers, Middle Tennessee, 615.218.8264
Cherry Johnson, West Tennessee, 731.607.9564
Debby Nuchols, East Tennessee, 865.599.7459

And the Winner is . . .

TSAC's own Outreach Specialist, Sam Mullins, along with his wife Kristi and their 10 children were the recipients of a new Mazda CX5 last week on the weekday morning show, *Good Morning America*. Their entire family skipped school to watch as their dad, Sam is surprised early last Tuesday morning. The Mullins' neighbor entered them in the contest without their knowledge. They were selected from over 200,000 nominations. Congratulations Sam!

