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In 2012, financial aid professionals and volunteers from across Montana will be available to help more students and families than ever complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) — the key to federal, state and institutional aid — through College Goal Montana activities.

Thanks to technology, and the cooperation of our community partners, nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) has scheduled more than 50 College Goal Montana webinars across the state during the months of January and February.

In Glasgow, the College Goal Montana webinar will take place on Wednesday January 11 and 25 at 6 P.M. in the GHS computer lab. Space is limited each evening to 20 online participants.

Participants in these free webinars will listen to a 30-minute presentation about the FAFSA, log on to fafsa.gov and complete the form. Assistance will be provided by site hosts and subject matter experts via telephone.

Students and parents should arrive at College Goal Montana webinar locations prepared to complete and submit the FAFSA. No appointments necessary. Don't forget to bring:

- FAFSA PIN number — to get your pin, log on to www.pin.ed.gov
- Social Security numbers (students and parents)
- 2011 federal tax returns (or 2010 tax returns if 2011 are not complete)
- W-2s, tribal income, other aid information (TANF, child support, other benefits)
- Additional asset information (money market funds, stocks, other investments)

In addition, Webinar participants who complete event evaluations will be entered to win a \$500 scholarship.

2012 will mark the eighth year that SAF has coordinated College Goal Montana, and it's the third year that SAF has offered webinar assistance. To date, more than 10,000 Montanans have been served through the College Goal Montana program.

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