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## College Goal Sunday gives students help with college financial aid forms

Colorado students can get free help completing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and other college financial aid forms during the state's annual College Goal Sunday event. College Goal Sunday financial aid workshops will be held Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at [21 locations](#).

“Completing the FAFSA opens doors for more than just financial aid,” said Dawn Taylor Owens, executive director of College In Colorado. “It can open doors for scholarships and loans. We know that the vast majority of Colorado students who complete a FAFSA during their senior year of high school enroll in college within one year. Approximately 30 percent of low income students who attend college do not complete a FAFSA. For high school seniors in Colorado, that equates to \$12 to \$14 million in Pell grants that are left on the table annually.”

Anyone who is planning to pursue some form of education and training beyond high school within the next year should complete the FAFSA. That includes high school seniors, current college students and adults thinking about earning a degree or skill certificate. College Goal Sunday workshops are open to students of any age or income-level.

College Goal Sunday is a national volunteer-based organization dedicated to helping students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Students can find locations and view a list of items to bring by visiting [www.collegegoalcolorado.org/](http://www.collegegoalcolorado.org/). College in Colorado partners with College Goal Sunday each year to assist families with the FAFSA on the spot on college campuses, offering free expert help at no cost. Students can also receive step-by-step help by visiting [College in Colorado](#).

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