

January Senior College Newsletter

Upcoming College Visits @ Brookstone:

Wednesday, January 11th, 1:00 – 1:30 = Navy/ROTC
 Tuesday, January 24th, 12:50 – 1:20 = [Mississippi State](#) (in Starkville, MS)

Colleges/Universities we are still working to schedule:

Kennesaw State, University of Alabama (Reschedule), Ole Miss
 Jacksonville State University, Clemson

| Upcoming SAT Dates: | Brookstone's CEEB Code: | Upcoming ACT Dates: |
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| January 28, 2012 (@ Brookstone) March 10, 2012 May 5 & June 2, 2012 | 110822 | February 11, 2012 (@ Brookstone) April 14, 2012 June 9, 2012 |
| Register HERE! | | Register HERE! |

Financial Aid Information, Thoughts & Pointers:

1. The [FAFSA](#) is now available online to complete and submit to schools. We recommend checking the financial aid websites of the Colleges/Universities your child is still considering attending to find out their priority or deadline dates for financial aid consideration. Typically, schools would like to receive it by early to mid-February. It can be submitted to up to 10 different schools, but only 6 will show on the main screen.
2. We recommend everyone complete the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) regardless of whether you think you will qualify for financial aid or not. Depending on the type of school your child is applying to, you never know what you might qualify for.
**However, if you already have a child in college and have completed the FAFSA before and did not receive any financial aid and do not want to complete it again, then that can be a family discussion.*
3. If you fill out the [FAFSA](#), BE SURE to complete it at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.
4. You should **NEVER** pay to fill out and submit the [FAFSA](#)! It is free to complete! If you are asked to pay a fee for any reason, check the website you are on.
5. Completing the [FAFSA](#) determines your EFC (or Estimated Family Contribution) which is the number (or amount) the government comes up with that they feel you are capable of paying towards your child's tuition. Be ready to see a number that you may not feel is realistic.
6. If you have multiple children in college at the same time, you will have to complete the [FAFSA](#) separately for each child. Each child will also need their own PIN number (see link for details). Also, for families with multiple students in college at the same time, your EFC will be divided by the number of children you have in college at the same time. Ex) 2 kids in college, EFC divided by 2.
7. ***When filling out the [FAFSA](#), be sure to choose the 2012-2013 school year option.***
 If you complete the '11-12' year option, schools will not be able to use that information and you will have to complete the correct year anyway.
8. For the time being, you can fill it out based off of last year's income numbers or based off estimated guesses for this year. You will need to go back after completing your taxes and update/correct any numbers or information you had previously filled out.
9. It isn't a difficult form to complete but it does take some time to enter all the information.
10. Call Mr. Terrell or Mrs. Berry with specific or general questions or concerns (etc.) and we will do our best to answer your questions or help find the answer.

[Mrs. Berry](#)

Email Us!

[Mr. Terrell](#)