

# FAFSA Fever - February 1-12, 2010

Taking part could mean

**\$100! Your Tax Return Prepared for FREE! Financial Aid Money!**

## What is FAFSA Fever?

To make DSCC students aware of financial aid filing deadlines and to help our students receive all the financial aid they are qualified to receive, the college is presenting FAFSA Fever. Because of last year's FAFSA Fever campaign, there was an 85% increase over the prior year in Tennessee Student Assistance Awards to DSCC students!

As an incentive, if 1,000 DSCC students (including DSCC's Dual Enrollment students) fill out their FAFSA by Feb. 12, the college will award \$100 to 10 DSCC students through a random drawing of those who have filed. Winners will be announced at the FAFSA Fever celebrations on Fri., Feb. 26. (You do not have to be present to win.)

## The details:

**If you hope to receive a Tennessee Student Assistance Award for Fall Semester 2010, the deadline for application is Feb. 15, 2010. This date is two weeks earlier than last year.**

In order to receive financial aid at DSCC (Pell Grant awards, the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship program, Federal Work Study awards, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant awards and other scholarship programs), students or their parents must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form as it also serves as the application for awards. **Many awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and if your application has not been filed as early as possible, you may not have a chance to receive these funds.**

### FAFSA Fever - Part 1

*File your taxes. FAFSA forms require your tax information.*

Need help with this? VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) sites on the Dyersburg campus and at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center (DSCC JNC) at Tipton County (Covington) will provide free tax filing services for those area taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of less than \$42,000. DSCC offers this service as a member of the Family Self-Sufficiency Alliance of West Tennessee. If you qualify, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. The Dyersburg VITA center located in the Learning Resource Center is open Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 20. The VITA site at the DSCC JNC is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Note: From Mon., Feb. 1 through Fri., Feb. 12, LRC Dean Teresa Johnson will assist any DSCC student who qualifies for the VITA program with their tax filing during regular LRC hours.**

### FAFSA Fever - Part 2

*File your FAFSA.*

Not sure how? The staff in DSCC's Financial Aid Offices will help. Offices are located in the Student Center on the Dyersburg campus and in the Jimmy Naifeh building at the DSCC JNC. Student Support Services will also be hosting free FAFSA workshops on Jan. 26, 27, 28 and 29 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Dyersburg LRC, room 134. They will also be hosting help sessions at the DSCC JNC from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 27 in N141, and on Feb. 4 in A138. You can drop in for help during these times.

In addition, on Sun., Feb. 14, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., financial aid professionals will provide assistance completing the FAFSA as a part of the state-wide effort called College Goal Sunday. Students and parents are invited to take advantage of this free service. The Student Center on the Dyersburg campus and the Tennessee Technology Center in Covington will be two of 35 sites statewide hosting College Goal Sunday.

*Come take part in FAFSA Fever. It could pay off! For additional information call 731/286-3273.*