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FREE Help Finding Money For College Available Statewide This Sunday

~Students will receive FREE expert advice and help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid~

Tampa, FL- Organizations throughout Florida have joined forces to host [College Goal Sunday Florida](#) on **January 31, 2010** from **2pm-5pm** at thirty-six locations throughout the state. The one-day event is designed to help limited-income college-bound students pay for college by helping them complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. “We have seen a tremendous response from community organizations and leaders throughout Florida who have offered to help in this initiative,” said Braulio Colón, assistant director for ENLACE Florida. “These organizations know the challenges many students face preparing for college and have all come together to help students and families successfully complete a form that can be very intimidating,” said Colón. The form known as the FAFSA, is used to apply for federal student aid such as the Pell grant, work-study aid, and loans. A [report](#) released by the Florida Board of Governors in 2009 concluded that nearly a quarter of eligible undergraduate students statewide who are eligible for Pell grants failed to obtain them. “College Goal Sunday is an event designed to reach the most vulnerable families and students by providing free expert assistance completing the appropriate forms at a location in their community,” said Colón. The FAFSA also helps students become eligible for most state and some private aid. Students and families who need assistance completing the FAFSA form can attend any College Goal Sunday site on January 31, 2010 from 2pm-5pm for free help. All students who complete the FAFSA form at a College Goal Sunday location will become eligible for incentives ranging from gift cards for school supplies to scholarships. “During these tough economic times, we believe helping students gain access to federal funds designed to help pay for college is essential,” said Mina Ford, site coordinator for the YMCA of Central Florida. “We hope to serve thousands of students statewide through this

initiative,” said Ford. For information on locations, what to bring to College Goal Sunday, or if you’d like to volunteer, please visit: www.collegegoalsundayflorida.org

College Goal Sunday Florida is coordinated by [ENLACE Florida](#) with support from the [National YMCA](#), [Lumina Foundation for Education](#), and [USA Funds](#).

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2010 College Goal Sunday Florida Locations: January 31, 2010, 2pm-5pm

Broward

- Ana G. Mendez University System, 3520 Enterprise Way, Miramar, FL
- Parkway Academy, 7451 Riviera Blvd., Miramar, FL
- American Intercontinental University-South Florida Campus, 2250 N. Commerce Parkway, Weston, FL

Deland

- Volusia Flagler YMCA, 761 E. International Speedway Blvd., Deland, FL

Gainesville

- Santa Fe College, 3000 NW 83rd Street, N Building, Room 216, Gainesville, FL
- Eastside High School, 1201 Southeast 43rd Street, Gainesville, FL

Homestead

- enFamila, Inc. Art & Family Education Center, 141 North Krome Avenue, Homestead, FL

Immokalee

- Immokalee High School, 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL

Jacksonville

- Florida State College, 501 W. State Street, Jacksonville, FL

Kissimmee

- Poinciana High School, 2300 S. Poinciana Blvd., Kissimmee, FL
- TECO, 501 Simpson Road, Kissimmee, FL

Miami

- ASPIRA Miami-Dade Youth Leadership Development Division, 13300 Memorial Hwy, North Miami, FL
- Hialeah Senior High School, 251, E. 47th Street, Hialeah, FL
- Educate Tomorrow, 1717 N. Bayshore Drive, Ste. 203, Miami, FL
- Florida International University, 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33199
- Miami-Dade County Public School Title I Neighborhood Resource Center-North, 7900 NW 27th Ave, Miami, FL
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Neighborhood Resource Center- South, 5555 SW 93rd Ave, Miami, FL
- The Resource Room, 19715 NW 37 Avenue (Honey Hill Plaza), Miami, FL
- Urban League of Greater Miami, Financial Learning Center, 8400 NW 25th Avenue, Miami, FL

Nassau

- Florida State College-Cook Center, 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yule, FL

Orlando

- Jones High School, 801 South Rio Grande Avenue, Orlando, FL
- Oak Ridge High School, 6000 S. Winegard Rd., Orlando, FL
- Acceleration Academy, 2274 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL
- Frontline Outreach, 3000 C R Smith Street, Orlando, FL
- Evans High School Ninth Grade Center, 2751 North Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL

Palm Coast

- Flagler Technical Center, One Corporate Drive, Palm Coast, FL

Pensacola

- Pensacola Junior College-Pensacola Campus, Baroco Center for Science & Advanced Technology, Computer Lab, Building 21, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola, FL
- Pensacola Junior College-Warrington Campus, Wm. Simon Boyd Building, Computer Lab, Building 3100, 5555 West Highway 98, Pensacola, FL
- Pensacola Junior College-Milton Campus, Student Affairs/Administration Building-Building 4200, 5988 Highway 90, Milton, FL

Tallahassee

- Tallahassee Community College, 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL

Tampa

- NW Hillsborough Family YMCA, 8950 West Waters Avenue, Tampa, FL
- Leto High School, 4409 W. Sligh Avenue, Tampa, FL
- SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin, FL
- Southwest Florida College, 3910 Riga Blvd., Tampa, FL
- University of South Florida, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL

West Palm

- Urban League of Palm Beach County, 1700 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL

2010 College Goal Sunday Participating Organizations:

Alachua County Public Schools
American Intercontinental University
ASPIRA of Florida
College Summit-Florida
Collier County Public Schools
Educate Tomorrow
EnFamilia, Inc.
Flagler Technical Center
Florida State College
Florida International University
Frontline Outreach
Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative
Hispanic Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs of Tampa Bay, Inc.
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Orange County Public Schools
Osceola County Public Schools
Parkway Academy
Pensacola Junior College
Santa Fe College
Tallahassee Community College
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