File Your FAFSA—Before it’s Too Late!

If you haven’t submitted your FAFSA application yet, it is imperative you do so as soon as possible! There is no absolute submission deadline, but there is no telling when the state of Illinois will run out of funds available to help college students. Last year, these funds dried up in March, a good deal earlier than usual.

The good news is you can submit your FAFSA any time—and it is not as difficult or time consuming as many students think. You may not even have to have all the required information for your application to be considered “submitted.” So do not hesitate to make an appointment with a Financial Aid representative to help fill out your FAFSA right away! They will help you acquire the information you need quickly and help you to submit your application before time runs out!

Make an appointment today! Contact the Financial Aid office at 866-464-5265; finaid@ic.edu.

Time Management Workshop: Next Wednesday!

On Wednesday, February 15, at 4:00, in Kirby 108, TRiO Assistant Director, Cara Cima, will present a time management workshop!

Learning to effectively plan and spend your time is one of the biggest keys to succeed in both academics and life. This workshop will not only teach you strategies to help you complete your school work before the deadlines, but it will also demonstrate that you can get all of your work done AND still have plenty of time for yourself.

So mark your calendar and plan to be there—before time runs out!
TRiO Workshop Schedule: Spring 2012

⇒ **Resume and Cover Letter Workshop**: Tuesday, January 31st: 4:30-5:30 (Kirby 108)
Create effective resumes and cover letters — geared toward the internship deadlines!

⇒ **FAFSA Workshop**: Tuesday, February 7th: 4:00-5:00 (Baxter 100)
Financial Aid representatives will walk you through the FAFSA process!

⇒ **Time Management Workshop**: Wednesday, February 15th: 4:00-5:00 (Kirby 108)
Learn essential strategies to help complete your school work and still have plenty of time for yourself!

⇒ **Major and Career Exploration Workshop: Skills**: Monday, February 20th: 4:30-5:30 (Baxter 100)
Find out how to utilize and translate your skills to help make more informed major and career decisions.

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**TRiO Students Must also Attend ONE of the Following Financial Literacy Workshops**

**Required for GRANT AID SCHOLARSHIP eligibility**

⇒ **Financial Literacy Workshop**: Thursday, March 15th: 4:00-5:00 (Kirby 108)
Presented by IC Accounting Professor, Nausser Jamali!

⇒ **Financial Literacy Workshop**: Thursday, March 22nd: 4:00-5:00 (Schewe 210)
Presented by Ms. Laura Marx of Jacksonville Savings Bank!

⇒ **Financial Literacy Workshop**: Tuesday, March 27th: 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Schewe 210)
Presented by Ms. Kristan Becker Hoffman of Farmer's State Bank!

⇒ **College Major Open Forum**: Tuesday, April 3rd: 4:00-5:00 (Schewe 210)
Your chance to talk with various IC professors to learn more about IC majors and associated careers paths!

⇒ **Graduate School Preparation**: Wednesday, April 11th: 4:00-5:00 (Kirby 108)
Get a head start on learning how to explore graduate school programs that best fit your career goals!

⇒ **Memory Enhancement Workshop**: Wednesday, April 25th: 4:30-5:30 (Kirby 108)
Specific training, skills, and techniques to help you remember information more quickly and efficiently!

⇒ **An Inside Look at the Internship Process**: Tuesday, May 1st: 4:30-5:30 (Kirby 108)
A graduating IC senior’s account of and advice on how to navigate the internship process!
Resident Assistant Opportunities at IC!

Come learn more about being a Resident Assistant (RA), and find out if it’s right for you. Information sessions will take place on Monday, February 13, and Wednesday, February 15, at 7 p.m. in Kirby 6.

All applicants must attend one of the information sessions. If you have any questions, please contact your RA or email the Office of Residential Life: atreslife@mail.ic.edu.

Other Important Dates:
:: Résumé Workshops (optional): February 21, 22 and 23
:: Applications Due: March 2
:: Interviewing for Success Leadershops (optional): March 12, 14 and 16
:: Group Process Interview: March 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.
:: Individual Interviews: March 19, 20 and 21

TRiO Hours of Operation: New, Extended Evening Hours!

- Mon: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Tues: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wed: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Thurs: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*note: hours do not apply to holidays, breaks, and other designated days the school is closed

TRiO Tip of the Week

“The secret to success is good leadership, and good leadership is all about making the lives of your team members or workers better.”
~Tony Dungy

Contribute to the Tribune!

We like to hear from students and use student guest columns as much as possible. So tell us your stories!!

The only requirement is that you be yourself. Contact Jason Stalides—jason.stalides@ic.edu, 217-291-1621—for more information!