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**Free Assistance With College Financial Aid Forms**

TOWN/CITY NAME, IOWA – date– High school seniors, current college students, and their parents can receive free assistance with their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms through a new service offered by Name of CREDIT UNION and the ICAN ®.

Team members from Name of CREDIT UNION recently attended and ICAN FAFSA Training and became certified to provide completion assistance to those community members in need of filing the FAFSA. Interested students and parents should contact Name at Name of School, by calling phone number or e-mailing e-mail to schedule their appointment time. During each appointment, students and parents will complete and submit FAFSA forms.

“The FAFSA is the first step to qualify for federal student aid,” says NAME, BANK REPRESENTATIVE TITLE. “It’s very important that the form is filled out correctly and completely for students to receive all the aid they’re eligible for. In the current economy, we don’t want to see anyone denied a college education because they missed out on aid.”

The FAFSA is a free form available from the U.S. Department of Education via the [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) website. Although professional assistance is not necessary to file the form, ICAN’s free services help reduce confusion and can ensure accuracy.

Several documents for both the student and parents are necessary to fill out the FAFSA. They include:

* Social Security numbers, driver’s license numbers and dates of birth.
* 2020 federal and state tax returns.

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* 2020 W-2 forms and other records of income earned last year.
* Current bank statements and investment records.
* Records of untaxed income received last year (e.g., TANF, child support received, etc.)
* FSA ID & password-to set up this up go to [www.fsaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaid.ed.gov) both student & parent will need an FSA ID and password.
* Download a complete list at [www.icansucceed.org/whattobring](http://www.icansucceed.org/whattobring).

For more information about the FAFSA event, or to schedule an appointment, students and parents should contact Name at Name of credit union, by calling phone number or e-mailing e-mail.

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