



# Become a Volunteer FAFSA Preparer!

## Program Description

Due to cumbersome financial aid forms like the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and lack of information about financial aid for higher education, many students from low-income families don't even consider going to college. Foundation Communities' **Cash for College** program trains volunteers to complete the FAFSA and provides basic guidance on the cost of higher education and how to pursue it. Volunteers work one-on-one with clients in a variety of settings, mostly at the Community Tax Center sites, but also year-round at Foundation Communities' Financial Center, local area high schools, and Foundation Communities' properties.

During tax season, FAFSA services are available at the four largest Community Tax Center Locations:

<b>Foundation Communities' Community Financial Center</b> 2600 W. Stassney Lane	<b>Goodwill Community Center</b> 1015 Norwood Park Blvd.	<b>Workforce Solutions</b> 6505 Airport Blvd.	<b>Dolores Catholic Church</b> 1111 Montopolis Dr.
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Volunteer responsibilities include:

- ✦ Individually assist clients by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ✦ Answer basic questions regarding the FAFSA and financial aid
- ✦ Talk to Community Tax Center clients in waiting room about the FAFSA

## What is the time commitment?

Volunteers commit to a minimum of 40 hours to the project over 6 months (3 hours of training, 37 hours of service). FAFSA services will be available 7 days a week, daytime and evening hours at the tax center locations during tax season (January – April).

## How do I become a Volunteer FAFSA Preparer?

**Training:** Volunteers are required to complete one-hour of at-home training, and then attend one two hour in-person training. The in-person training is held at our Community Financial Center, 2600 W. Stassney Lane.



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