



Financial Aid Newsletter

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Our Purpose

The Financial Aid Office seeks to provide financial aid services which are accessible, sensitive to individual student needs, and effective in enabling students to bridge the gap between family resources and educational expenses.

Message from the Financial Aid Manager

Spring is on its way! I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break. Financial aid was busy gearing up for the next year. We are receiving FAFSA applications and began processing them this week. If you've applied for financial aid you should be getting a letter in the mail any day requesting additional information. We have about a 62% increase in financial aid applications compared to last year so our office will be extremely busy! It's all very exciting.

Don't forget that every Wednesday we host a financial aid chat from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also chatting is Admissions. Their chat is held on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Corey
Financial Aid Manager

Special Events/Dates to Remember

FAFSA Night at LTC Manitowoc	March 30
Student Veterans Call Out	March 31

Financial Aid Chat Every Wednesday from 11 am to 1pm

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Important Websites

MyLTC	www.gotoltc.edu/myltc
FAFSA	www.fafsa.ed.gov
PIN website	www.pin.ed.gov
Great Lakes Higher Education	www.mygreatlakes.org
Cash Course	www.cashcourse.org/ltc/Default.aspx

FA DEPARTMENT HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY
7:30 am – 7:30 pm
FRIDAY
7:30 am – 3:30 pm

FAFSA Night at LTC Manitowoc

**Monday, March 30, 2009
Manitowoc Job Center
Room M103 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

What should I bring to FAFSA Night?

- Parents and students should bring their 2008 tax return and/or W-2's in order to complete the form.
- You will need your Federal PIN (Personal Identification Number) to sign your FAFSA electronically. Apply for one at <http://www.pin.ed.gov/> NOW!
- Your Social Security Number (Found on your Social Security Card).
- Your Driver's License (if any).
- Your W-2 Forms for the 2008 year and other records of money earned.
- Your (and your spouse's, if you are married) 2008 Federal Income Tax Return - IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040 Telefile, foreign tax return, or tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia.
- If you are a dependent student as defined by federal criteria -Your parents' 2008 Federal Income Tax Return - IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040 Telefile, foreign tax return, or tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia. One of your parents will also need a PIN to sign the FAFSA.
- Your untaxed income records for the previous year - Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Welfare, Veteran's Benefits or child support (received or paid) records.
- Your current bank statements.
- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records.
- Your alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen).

Just for Vets!

The SVA committee will be holding a call out for all LTC Student Veterans on March 31st from 12:10 to 12:50 in Room L147 on the Cleveland Campus. The call out will provide veterans the opportunity to join the Association and also to volunteer for office positions.

The group plans to launch the SVA in the Fall of 2009 and is recruiting members both veterans and active duty members and making plans now. The reason for starting the association was so veterans on campus could get to know one another, as well as raising awareness about student veterans. Another reason is to provide veterans with information about veterans benefits. We are hoping that by starting the Association, veterans will have the resources they need to successfully obtain higher education.

For additional information, please email ltcvets@gotoltc.edu or call LTC's Certifying Veterans Official, Jayne, at 920-693-1859.

New Questions on the FAFSA

For those of you who already applied for financial aid for the 2009-2010 academic year, you may have noticed some new questions on the FAFSA. Below is an explanation of some of the changes for next year.

Summary of Changes 2009/2010 FAFSA

1. **Worksheets A, B, and C incorporated into the application** – There is a section in the FAFSA now that asks for information regarding Additional Financial Information and Untaxed Income.
 - The following items have been removed from the FAFSA and will not be figured into the determination of your financial aid:
 - Earned income credit from IRS Form 1040
 - Additional child tax credit from IRS Form 1040
 - Welfare benefits, including TANF
 - Social Security benefits received that were not taxed (such as SSI)
2. **Dependency Questions:** The most significant changes include the expansion of the dependency criteria to the following groups for the 2009-2010 FAFSA. These groups are considered independent:
 - Individuals who were in foster care
 - Emancipated minors or minors in legal guardianship
 - Individuals verified as unaccompanied youth who are homeless children
 - Youth who are at risk of homelessness
3. **Dislocated Worker/Displace Homemaker Question:** We will be asking for verification of your status as the answer to this question may impact your financial aid eligibility.
 - New question added to determine if you are a dislocated worker or a displaced homemaker
4. **Veterans**
 - More specific information regarding veterans educational benefits