

March Madness - More ways than one with FAFSA Completion!

The 2024-2025 FREE Application for Federal Student Aid and the Illinois Alternative Application (RISE Act) are open! Students and those contributing information to the FAFSA will need an FSA

ID – this includes undocumented parents. Steps to get started:

- 1. Ensure anyone contributing information to the FAFSA has an FSA ID or FAFSA Account
- 2. Student logs into FAFSA and completes student portion
- 3. Student invites contributors (e.g., parents, spouse) to log into FAFSA to complete contributor portion
- 4. This is it! The NEIU Financial Aid Office hears that the application itself takes 7 minutes to complete!
- Undocumented Parents: Upon completing the Create Account process, the individual will see a confirmation page with the results of their identity verification. Acceptable documents to establish identity include U.S. Driver's License, U.S. State/City Identification Card or Foreign Passport. See <u>Account Creation Instructions for Individuals without a Social Security Number</u> (<u>SSN</u>).

Join us for FAFSA Completion Workshops: Do you need assistance in completing the FAFSA?

NEIU EI Centro

Times: 9:30am until NOON Saturday, March 16

Times: 10:00am until 2:00pm Saturday, March 30

NEIU TRIO - Main Campus Library Fourth Floor

Times: 10:00am until 2:00pm Friday, March 15 Monday, March 18 Tuesday, March 19

NEIU PEDROSA Center - B 163

Times: 1:00pm until 4:00pm Wednesday, March 20 Wednesday, March 27 Thursday, March 28

Dreading tax season? The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is here to help!

This free income tax service is provided by certified student and faculty volunteers. Our program for individuals and families with low to moderate incomes with simple returns. Please see the <u>VITA flyer</u> for more information about the types of tax returns we are able to prepare. <u>Schedule a time</u> to file your taxes! Questions? Direct to <u>vita@neiu.edu</u>.

Main Campus, College of Business and Technology Building Times: 10:00am until 2:00pm Saturdays and Sundays through April 7

Submitted by the NEIU Financial Aid Office

Schedule a Virtual Financial Aid Advisor Appointment: CLICK HERE!