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IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

PLEASE READ ALL ENCLOSED INFORMATION!!

If you plan to attend a training program at OCM BOCES, you should apply for financial aid as soon as possible. **Note – it will be necessary to report financial information for 2024 for yourself and, if you are a dependent student for financial aid purposes, financial information for your parent(s). If you and/or your parents filed federal taxes for 2024, you are strongly encouraged to link to the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid) on the Web to retrieve and transfer 2024 IRS income information.**

Applying for Financial Aid: Please follow these instructions carefully!

1. If you do not already have an FSA ID and Password – go to https://studentaid.gov/ and select Create Account
   - If you have an FSA ID and don't remember it, you can retrieve it by following the instructions provided on the website.
   - You may use FSA ID right away to sign your FAFSA, even if it is issued conditionally.
   - If you use parent's information on your application, both you and your parent must obtain an FSA ID and password.
2. Collect **2024** completed Federal Tax return information for any tax returns filed, as well as any other income documentation that requires reporting.
3. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
   - Go to https://studentaid.gov/ and click on **Login**.
     - You must complete the ***2026-2027*** Version.
     - OCM BOCES federal code is **012652**
4. **YOU MUST COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA ONLINE (*EVEN IF YOU ARE BEING FUNDED BY AN AGENCY*) AND MEET WITH A FINANCIAL AID EXAMINER BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED INTO A PROGRAM.**

******The OCMBOCES Student Services Office will contact you for an appointment for your requested program. (This may be several weeks after you have filed.)******

Questions may be directed to the Financial Aid Office at the following numbers:

315-453-4422