



April 22, 2014

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Dear Karin:

Thank you for the opportunity to work with Central Nine Career Center families again this year. I also want to send a special thank you to you for all you did this year to prepare for my day at Central Nine in November and the FAFSA Day in February. Laurie Dickerson and I also appreciated Renae's help at the FAFSA Day and of course your help as well!

Enclosed you will find the aggregate financial data regarding the *College Costs Estimator* service with, for example, the number of Twenty-first Century Scholars and the number of families with federal means-tested benefits. This year we reached a number of families who are eligible for state and federal grant dollars (e.g., 40% of the families have Indiana state grant eligibility and 35% of the families have federal Pell Grant eligibility). I'm very pleased that 43% of the parents returning anonymous post-workshop surveys following the December 16 workshop now feel they have more options financially for college; 42% feel they have *different* college options than they thought they had; and 79% found what we did "very helpful." I also found some of their survey comments very reinforcing, but see what you think. Please also share all of this with others if it is helpful to you and to them.

Thank you for your support of and interest in our work. I was pleased with our FAFSA Day results for the Central Nine Career Center site. **In all, 138 students who participated in the Central Nine Career Center FAFSA Day were eligible for \$809,473 in federal and state grant dollars** (using the new state grant formula, see paragraph below) as a result of the investment made by the Johnson County Community Foundation and your efforts, Karin. During the FAFSA days, 33 local families who completed their FAFSA were eligible for \$194,282 in federal and state grant dollars. Another 5 families who came in for consultation with completed FAFSAs were eligible for an additional \$26,491 in grant dollars. Based on the average student grant award at each of the schools, we estimated the 100 students who started their FAFSA (and went home to complete it with parents) would be eligible for another \$588,700 in grant dollars. This year we worked with 55 more students than last year who started their FAFSA.

At its February meeting, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved a significant change in the state grant program. **For years the state grant has been based on the Parent Income and Asset contribution (PC), one of the three figures that are totaled to arrive at the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The state has decided to base the state grant on the EFC, not the PC.** Most students will not see a significant change in the award they will receive from the state. The students most adversely affected by this change will be those that have high incomes and/or assets not currently considered by the state grant formula. In fact, we

calculated your students' state grant eligibility as \$796,180 under last year's state grant formula and \$809,473 under the new formula for academic year 2014-2015. The new state grant matrix is available to view at: [http://www.in.gov/sfa/files/2014-2015_State_Financial_Aid_Menu_\(Adopted\).pdf](http://www.in.gov/sfa/files/2014-2015_State_Financial_Aid_Menu_(Adopted).pdf).

We were pleased that 24% of the students with a completed FAFSA had an Expected Family Contribution of zero making the students eligible for full federal Pell Grants and full Indiana Grants (based on their high school diplomas and whether they plan to attend a public or private Indiana college). And, we found 21% of the students we worked with are Twenty-first Century Scholars.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. We have completed the two year grant contract and I will contact you next week to discuss continuing our work with you and your Central Nine families. In the meantime, I send my best regards.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Moore
Senior Consultant

cc: Lawrence Courtney, David Edds, Renee Fife, Nicole Otte

Enclosures

**Central Nine Career Center/Johnson County
Workshop
December 16, 2013**



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Total Estimates: 43

- 35% (15) have Pell Grant eligibility
 - \$3,706 = average grant for Pell eligible students
- 40% (17) have Indiana state grant eligibility
 - \$4,240 = average state grant for eligible students
 - \$4,780 = average state grant for eligible students (publics)
 - \$5,932 = average state grant for eligible students (privates)
- 95% (41) have institutional grant eligibility
 - \$8,596 = average institutional grant for eligible students
 - \$6,293 = average institutional grant for eligible students (publics)
 - \$11,653 = average institutional grant for eligible students (privates)
- 9% (4) of the Expected Family Contributions (EFCs) are zero
- 9% (4) of the families have a Parent Contribution of zero
- 35% (15) of the EFCs < \$5,000
- 47% (20) of the EFCs < \$8,000
- 23% (10) of the students come from a single-parent household
- 0% (0) of the students have excess earnings from income (contribution from student income > \$0)
- 35% (15) of the students have a contribution from student assets
- Mean EFC = \$24,437 Trimmed Mean EFC = \$21,520
- Median EFC = \$12,121
- Mean AGI = \$100,998 Trimmed Mean AGI = \$92,719
- Median AGI = \$73,702
- 12% (5) are Twenty-first Century Scholars (grades 9-12)
- 14% (6) with federal means-tested benefits
- 5% (2) with Dislocated Worker in the household

Note: Federal, state and institutional grant figures were captured from the most recent Expected Family Contribution formula year available (e.g., 2009-2010, 2010-2011 or 2011-2012)

**Central Nine Career Center
December 16, 2013
Workshop Survey**

Total number of questionnaires returned: 14

1. After receiving your family report and participating in the workshop, do you feel your child has:

More college options that you previously expected	43%	(6)
About the same number of college options you previously expected	50%	(7)
Fewer college options than you previously expected	7%	(1)
No response	0%	(0)

2. After participating in this program, do you feel your student has *different* college options than you previously expected?

Yes	42%	(5)
No	58%	(7)
No Response	17%	(2)

3. How useful was this service to you in helping you understand your family's situation when it comes to paying for college?

Very helpful	79%	(11)
Somewhat helpful	21%	(3)
Not helpful	0%	(0)
No Response	0%	(0)

4. Do you anticipate accessing the toll free line for help with additional questions and assistance in the future?

Yes	77%	(10)
No	23%	(3)
No Response	8%	(1)

5. Do you believe others in your community would benefit from the continuation of this service in subsequent years?

Yes	100%	(14)
No	0%	(0)
No Response	0%	(0)

Notes: The distributions of Expected Family Contributions (EFCs) for those citing more college options and for those citing fewer college options after the workshop were as follows:

<u>EFC</u>	<u>More Options</u>		<u>Fewer Options</u>	
\$0 - \$5,000	83%	(5)	0%	(0)
\$5,001 - \$10,000	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
\$10,001 - \$15,000	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
\$15,001 - \$20,000	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
\$20,001 +	17%	(1)	100%	(1)
Not reported	0%	(0)	0%	(0)

Central Nine FAFSA DAYS- 2013 - 2014

2014 Calculated using NEW 2014-2015 state grant formula

Johnson County FAFSA Days	2013	2014
	Central Nine	Central Nine
Total FAFSAs completed *	37	33
Total Grant \$*	\$230,680	\$194,282
Ave for completed FAFSAs *	\$6,235	\$5,887
FAFSA already complete **	4	5
Total Grant \$**	\$2,000	\$26,491
Total completed FAFSAs ***	41	38
Total FAFSA Grant \$ ***	\$232,680	\$220,773
Ave for complete FAFSAs***	\$5,675	\$5,810
FAFSA started but not completed ****	45	100
Potential Grant \$****	\$280,575	\$588,700
Total students involved	86	138
Total Grant \$ Involved	\$513,255	\$809,473
Completed FAFSA Grant \$***	\$232,680	\$220,773
Potential grant \$****	\$280,575	\$588,700
TOTAL Grant \$	\$513,255	\$809,473

NOTES: *FAFSA completed at FAFSA day in school

** FAFSA completed prior to FAFSA day but financial aid discussion took place based on student's EFC

*** Total for ALL students who completed FAFSA prior to/on FAFSA Day

**** FAFSA started at FAFSA day but not able to complete FAFSA that day because of incomplete financial information

Johnson County FAFSA DAYS	2013	2014
	Central Nine	Central Nine
Zero EFC ***	12/41 (29%)	9/38 (24%)
21st Century Scholars ***	7/41 (17%)	8/38 (21%)