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College Financial Aid Help Available During Financial Aid Awareness Month

Free FAFSA Assistance Nights begin on February 16th

Atlanta, GA – As thousands of students look ahead to enrolling in college this fall, the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) is reminding students to apply for financial aid in February, which is recognized as Financial Aid Awareness Month. Beginning February 16, 2010, GSFC will be providing informational workshops to students and their families on how to complete and submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

“It’s important to complete the FAFSA early to take advantage of all the financial aid opportunities available in Georgia,” said Sarah Baumhoff, vice president of Client Services and Marketing at the Georgia Student Finance Commission. “The earlier families apply for financial aid, the sooner they will be notified how much their student may receive, which may be critical to deciding which college their student attends.”

Completing the FAFSA form is a requirement to be considered for all federal and some state financial aid, including scholarships and grants, for college. To be fully prepared to complete the FAFSA, families attending the workshops should bring the student’s and parents’ driver’s license, completed 2009 income tax returns (if available) and W2s, social security number, and other income information. The FAFSA Assistance Night event dates and locations include:

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 16, 2010 / 6-8 p.m.	South Cobb High School, Austell, GA Theater
February 17, 2010 / 3-6 p.m.	Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur Campus Building SA, Room 3110
February 23, 2010 / 5-8 p.m.	Atlanta Metropolitan College Academic Support Center, 3 rd Floor Library Building
February 24, 2010 / 5-7 p.m.	Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody Campus Building NE, Rooms 0150, 0220, 1170
February 24, 2010 / 4–8 p.m.	College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, GA Academic Building Room 209 (AB209)
February 25, 2010 / 4–8 p.m.	Albany Technical College, Albany, GA Economic Development Building E, Room 512
February 25, 2010 / 5–8 p.m.	McIntosh High School, Peachtree City, GA Rooms 201 & 205

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For more information about GSFC's FAFSA Assistance Night events, please contact the Client Services Department by calling, 1-800-505-GSFC, extension 9071.

Additional free college planning information is available www.gsfc.org or www.GAcollge411.org. Families can find college cost estimators, listings of scholarship, grant and loan opportunities, information about Georgia's 529 college savings plan, career information, virtual tours of more than 100 of the state's college campuses, and online college admission and financial aid applications.

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About the Georgia Student Finance Commission

*Since 1965 the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has provided more than \$9 billion in financial aid to help **over two million** Georgians achieve their dreams of higher education. GSFC funds and services 15 different low-interest education loan programs including Stafford and PLUS loans, consolidation loans, and state service cancelable loans. GSFC also administers multiple scholarship and grant programs, including the nationally acclaimed HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program. Additional information about GSFC products and services is available at www.gsfc.org or (800) 505-GSFC (4732).*