Filling out the FAFSA

This information is taken from a brochure produced by the United States Department of Education.

Need money for college? If you hope to receive any financial aid to pay for your postsecondary pursuits, you'll need to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Fortunately you can complete this form and submit it online.

Here are six steps to help you as you prepare to complete the FAFSA.

1. Get a PIN. To sign your FAFSA electronically, you need a U.S. Department of Education PIN (Personal Identification Number). If you don't already have one, apply now at www.pin.ed.gov. Your FAFSA will be processed faster if you sign using a PIN than if you mail in a signature page.

2. Print the Pre-Application Worksheet from www.fafsa.ed.gov. Some students find it helpful to complete the Pre-Application Worksheet before completing FAFSA on the Web.

3. Save your FAFSA as you go. Save your application often using the "Save" button at the bottom of the screen. That way, if you lose your Internet connection, you can return to your FAFSA without losing any information. NOTE: If you click the "Exit" button, you'll not only close your application, but you'll also erase all the information you entered since the last time you saved it.

4. Get help. Because there is FREE help available, you don't have to pay to get assistance filling out your FAFSA. The "Need Help with this Page?" button at the bottom of every FAFSA on the Web page will lead you to information to help you complete that page. The "Help" button at the top of every screen has an index of help topics. In addition, you can chat with a customer

Teacher Spotlight: Marlys Garman

As of January, former evening instructor Marlys Garman moves to the Glasgow campus to offer VUB classes there (see Glasgow Classes Begin, below).

What do you enjoy most about teaching at VUB?

This is my eighth year as a teacher for VUB. It is such a pleasure to work with students who are truly motivated and open to learning. I am excited about starting up classes at the Glasgow campus. I feel privileged to be working with veterans who have served our country.

What advice do you give students as they prepare to leave our program and pursue their postsecondary goals?

I encourage them to have confidence in

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Glasgow Classes Begin

Beginning this spring, Veterans Upward Bound will offer refresher classes at WKU's Glasgow Campus. Instructor Marlys Garman will offer two class times on Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Interested students can sign up for the Glasgow classes by calling Martha Kenney at the main VUB office (270-745-5310). Whether you're a former student interested in returning or a new student wanting to refresh those old skills, give us a call and sign up for classes in Glasgow.
service representative directly over the Internet by clicking the “Live Help” button. If you still need more help, call 1-800-4-FED-AID.

5. **Sign your application.** If you have a PIN, you can electronically sign your FAFSA. Otherwise, you’ll need to print the signature page and mail it in.

6. **Submit your application.**

   Click the “Submit” button located on the last page of FAFSA on the Web. You’ll be taken to a new page that confirms your submission and gives you a confirmation number.

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**What You Need for FAFSA on the Web**

- Your Social Security number.
- Your driver’s license number, if you have one.
- Your W-2 Forms.
- Your federal income tax return.
- Your current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds and other investments.
- Your records of other untaxed income received, such as Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), welfare or veterans benefits.
- Your business or farm records, if applicable.
- Your alien registration number, if you are not a U.S. citizen.

Use income records for the calendar year prior to the academic year you’re applying for (i.e. — use 2004 income information for the 2005-2006 FAFSA).

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**Veterans Day Parade Photos**

*(clockwise from top):* VUB students and staff gather before the parade; student **Marshall Gilliam** marches down the street; Glasgow Instructor **Marlys Garman** sits in the back of her flag-festooned truck, with student **William Peterson** standing by; students **Lyle Hensley** and **Bill Martin** carry the VUB banner while Instructor **Davy Stone** and Fall Intern **Marisa Duarte** stand behind.

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Beware of Scholarship Search Scams

Nearly every year people are swindled out of money they desperately need for school because some group contacts them and offers to do a search for scholarships that the person can apply to receive.

Veterans Upward Bound would like to warn you that many of these searches often ask for a lot of money for their service and you seldom get a return on your dollar.

Our advice is that if someone wants money to run a scholarship search for you, call VUB and ask if it sounds legitimate before sending them a check.

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their abilities and never give up.

What interests do you have when you’re not working at VUB?

I love to spend time with my grandchildren. I also enjoy photography, painting with acrylics and working in my flower gardens.

What do you like most about working with adults?

Working with adults is a real pleasure because they are usually very goal oriented and appreciative of what VUB does to help them achieve their goals. It is also very rewarding to see them gain confidence in their ability to succeed.

Got Financial Aid Questions?

Call VUB at 270-745-5310.

New Postsecondary Admission Policy

To better facilitate the postsecondary admission application process, VUB has established the following deadline dates for the 2005-2006 academic calendar:

**Deadline Date**
- Fall Semester '05: July 29, '05
- Spring Semester '06: Nov 23, '05 (Wednesday before Thanksgiving)

Veterans Upward Bound will need to receive all application forms by this date if you are requesting our assistance in the process. So if you're planning on attending school this year, let your VUB instructor know as soon as possible so that we can better assist you.

Thanks!

Our program is evaluated by how we meet our objectives, including how many of our graduates enter postsecondary school and then graduate with a baccalaureate degree or a certificate of completion. To verify that a person completes school after VUB, we must remain in touch with that person. Some tracking can be done on the computer but many times we also need to hear from participants so our records can be accurate and complete.

Your success is directly related to the continued success of the VUB program. By keeping us informed, you make it possible for us to provide services to more vets in the future.

News and Notes

- Congratulations to Bill Basham and David Angle. Both graduated from Western Kentucky University in December.

- Congratulations to Carl Potter, who completed the VUB program this fall and is enrolled in classes at the Western Kentucky University Community College this spring.

- Congratulations to the following students on their current academic success: David Angle (3.81), William Basham (4.0), James Bronson (3.6), Teresa Compton (4.0), Debbie Goodnight (4.0), Deldre Stewart Jessup (4.0), Jacob Likens (4.0), Kimberly Mack (3.75), Allen Martin (4.0), William Martin (3.5), Glenda Murley (4.0), Jennifer Patterson (4.0), and Scott Robinson (3.75).
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*Please call early for information on test dates. VUB may pay testing fees, but to do so we must have your application at least six weeks prior to the registration postmark deadline.