

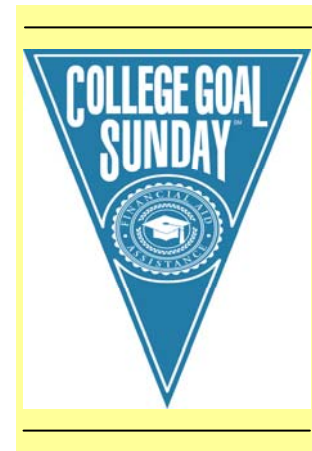
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## 2011 College Goal Sunday Events

**Y**our help is needed to spread the word about the 2011 College Goal Sunday Program (CGS) in Tennessee. Just as a reminder, we are offering two different dates, January 30<sup>th</sup> or February 13<sup>th</sup>, depending on the site location. We are also offering some night and weekend events that will only be posted the CGS website and not listed in the printed materials. So we're asking that you encourage students, parents and volunteers to click on [www.tn.gov/collegegoalsunday](http://www.tn.gov/collegegoalsunday) for the most current information available.

This year's printed materials include flyers, posters, and brochures that you can distribute to schools, businesses, churches, and other organizations in your community. You may request any quantity of materials that are needed by contacting Sarah Quinlan. She can be contacted by email at [sarah.quinlan@tn.gov](mailto:sarah.quinlan@tn.gov) or by telephone at 615.253.7461.



Volunteers are needed to staff the sites and we encourage you to go to the website to register as soon as possible. Likewise, students and parents are asked to go to the website as well and register to reserve their spot at a CGS site that is located closest to where they live.

See page two for a list of College Goal Sunday sites.



# College Goal Sunday Sites

## CGS Sites for: **January 30, 2011**

<b>Athens</b>	TTC at Athens
<b>Blountville</b>	Northeast State CC
<b>Clarksville</b>	Austin Peay State University
<b>Cleveland</b>	Cleveland State CC
<b>Columbia</b>	Columbia State CC
<b>Crump</b>	TTC at Crump
<b>Dyersburg</b>	Dyersburg State CC
<b>Gallatin</b>	Volunteer State CC
<b>Harrogate</b>	Lincoln Memorial University
<b>Lebanon</b>	Cumberland University
<b>Lynchburg</b>	Motlow State CC
<b>McKenzie</b>	Bethel University
<b>McMinnville</b>	TTC at McMinnville
<b>Memphis</b>	Lemoyne-Owen College
<b>Memphis</b>	Southwind High School
<b>Milligan</b>	Milligan College
<b>Murfreesboro</b>	Middle TN State University
<b>Nashville</b>	Belmont University
<b>Nashville</b>	Lipscomb University
<b>Parsons</b>	UT Martin at Parsons
<b>Whiteville</b>	TTC at Whiteville

## CGS Sites for: **February 13, 2011**

<b>Chattanooga</b>	Chattanooga State CC
<b>Cookeville</b>	TN Tech University
<b>Covington</b>	TTC at Covington
<b>Franklin</b>	Columbia State CC
<b>Jackson</b>	TTC at Jackson
<b>Knoxville</b>	Pellissippi State CC
<b>Knoxville</b>	C.W. Cansler YMCA
<b>Memphis</b>	Southwest TN CC
<b>Nashville</b>	Nashville State CC
<b>Nashville</b>	Nashville College Connection
<b>Oak Ridge</b>	Roane State CC



**College Goal Sunday Website Address:  
[www.TN.gov/collegegoalsunday](http://www.TN.gov/collegegoalsunday)**

## Three New FAFSA Resources From DOE

**T**here are three new PDFs available on the Federal DOE website which could be useful as you work with students in filling out their FAFSA. The first PDF is the new 2011-12 "Federal Student Aid at a Glance" publication (two page, quick reference). Next is the one page "Am I Dependent or Independent" which should be helpful as you assist the student in determining dependency status. Finally, they offer a one page "Who is my Parent" PDF which should be helpful if you talk to parents.

The TSAC Outreach staff will be using these new forms as well as they make presentations in the middle schools and high schools across the state in the Spring of 2011. If you would like the PDF for any or all three of these helpful forms, please contact, TSAC Outreach Director, Jason Seay at 615.253.7459 or at [jason.seay@TN.gov](mailto:jason.seay@TN.gov).



# Default Rates

The New Year has begun. With the ringing of 2011, thoughts of a new semester, originating loans, certifying TELS, reconciliation, and reports are foremost on your already busy calendar. One item that may not appear on your calendar until the third quarter is the cohort default rate (CDR). While the official FY 2009 CDR will not be released until September 2011, there are activities that can be taken now to lower your CDR.

One of the provisions of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 is to change the calculation of the CDR from a two-year rate to a three-year rate. The simplest explanation is tracking borrowers that go into repayment during the federal fiscal year and default during that same year or the next two years. The Department of Education (ED) published a trial three-year rate for FY 2007 in late December 2009 so that schools could see what impact adding a third year could mean to their cohort default rate. Many schools saw a significant increase in their Cohort Default rate. The chart is available to review at: <http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/datacenter/cohort.html>.



ED plans to once again release an unofficial three-year rate for FY2008 sometime in January. TSAC encourages you to review this rate once it is released. Although it is an unofficial rate, the comparison between the two-year and three-year rate will help you prepare for the stricter default standards that will be in effect in 2014. TSAC will also analyze the three-year rates in our attempt to assist schools with a significant increase.

Secondly, the draft rate for FY 2009 is scheduled for release on February 14. While there are no sanctions or benefits associated with the draft, this publication is extremely important. The draft rates form the basis of a school's official cohort default rate. It is vital to review borrowers listed in default and challenge those that should not be included in the calculations.



Lastly, remember you are not in this alone. TSAC remains your partner in the financial aid process. Our Default Management/Financial Literacy programs can help reduce defaults while educating students in the basics of financial wisdom. We can provide web-based programs, student seminars, brochures, and office presentations for a successful default prevention plan.

For more information, please contact either Jane Pennington or Cathy Jones at [jane.pennington@tn.gov](mailto:jane.pennington@tn.gov) or [cathy.l.jones@tn.gov](mailto:cathy.l.jones@tn.gov).

## Additional Awards for the TSAA Program

With fall certification now complete, TSAC has determined that additional awards for the TSAA program can be made for the spring 2011 semester.

TSAC will be awarding students who have a completed application by February 17<sup>th</sup>. This will make spring awards to approximately 5,700 students totaling \$5,500,000. Once the awards have been made you will be able to certify records for the spring term.

To view these awards, you can access the Grant Activity Report titled "Grant-Eligible Students Report" and select the display button called "Chronological by Eligibility Change Date." The new awardees will appear at the top of the report. If you have questions, please contact Naomi Derryberry at 615.253.7478 or [naomi.derryberry@tn.gov](mailto:naomi.derryberry@tn.gov).