

LMC sets Financial Aid Fridays in coming year

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Prospective college students can get free help applying for financial aid and scholarships during weekly Financial Aid Fridays offered at Lake Michigan College's Benton Township, Niles and South Haven campuses, LMC announced.

Sessions will be 2-4 p.m., Jan. 6-March 24, though there is no session Jan. 13.

Students will learn about

scholarship opportunities and receive help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is used by the U.S. Department of Education to determine the amount of grants, loans and other forms of financial aid a student can receive.

“Applying for financial aid can be a daunting task for students and families, but LMC is here to help

applicants accurately complete the process on the first try and maximize their chances of getting as much help as possible paying for college,” said Doug Schaffer, LMC vice president of Student Services.

Attendees should know their Social Security or Alien Registration number, their driver's license number if applicable and their FSA ID if they previously created an account

at fafsa.gov. Applicants should bring their personal 2015 federal tax returns or IRS W-2 information if no 2015 return was filed. Applicants who are married or might be considered dependents should also bring their spouses' or parents' information.

LMC students received almost \$9.21 million in federal aid during the 2015-16 academic year. In addition to federal aid, the Lake

Michigan College Foundation offered more than \$600,000 in scholarships for the 2106-17 academic year through private and publicly funded donations.

LMC's Benton Township campus is at 2755 East Napier Ave. The Niles campus is at 1905 Foundation Drive and the South Haven Campus is at 125 Veterans Blvd. Family members

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are welcome to attend the workshops along with their students. Attendees can stop at each campus welcome desk or main office for specific workshop locations.

More information about financial aid is available at lakemichigancollege.edu/finaid or by contacting LMC's Financial Aid office at finaid@lakemichigancollege.edu or 927-8112.