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Area students, parents invited to learn about college financing options

Lela, LOSFA, Assumption Parish Library to host free financial aid workshop on April 1

NAPOLEONVILLE—High school students and their parents are invited to learn about college financial aid options at a workshop scheduled for April 1 at the Assumption Parish Library in Napoleonville. The financial aid workshop begins at 6 p.m. and will be hosted by the Assumption Parish Library, Louisiana Education Loan Authority and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance.

“This is truly an important event for students and parents in our community to attend,” said Assumption Parish Librarian Barbara Caballero. “We’re really excited that representatives from Lela and LOSFA will be here to provide college-bound students with valuable information about ways they can pay for their college education and how to apply for financial aid.”

Parents and students from all surrounding communities and parishes are invited to attend the workshop. Assumption High School in Napoleonville is the parish’s only public high school and has an enrollment of about 1,150 students, with a senior class of 225 students. According to school officials, approximately 45 percent of Assumption High graduates go on to attend college.

Both Lela and LOSFA have programs designed to help students and their parents pay for college. LOSFA administers programs such as the Tuition Opportunity Program for Student Tuition Assistance (TOPS), and the Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) program.

Lela—Louisiana’s nonprofit student loan provider—offers various scholarships and savings on federal student loans to students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Through Lela discounts offered on Stafford loans, students save money with Lela’s “no fee” benefit. Lela also offers interest free loans to teachers and nurses in Louisiana.

“Our representatives enjoy spreading the message that there are numerous ways for students to afford a college education, regardless of how much money they or their parents earn,” said Joni Leggio, Assistant Vice President of Lela. “If your dream is to go to college, we at Lela are happy to talk with you about how you can make this happen.

This workshop is a great chance for you to come talk to us and ask any questions you might have, so we hope you'll make it a point to stop by."

Interested persons can learn more about student loans and other financial aid options by contacting Lela at (800) 228-4755 or visiting the Lela website at www.lela.org. The site includes extensive information and many links regarding financial assistance for college.

Lela is a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, a nonprofit trust established to bring lower cost financing assistance and advantages to the citizens of Louisiana at no cost to the state. Lela acts as a low cost source of student loan financing for higher education. Lela has assisted over 365,000 students since 1984.



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