

Free tax, financial aid assistance offered at Quinsigamond Community College

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WORCESTER — Residents looking for help with preparing their taxes or filing their free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) will find the assistance they need next week at Quinsigamond Community College.

Workshops will be held March 15 in the college's Administration Building at 670 West Boylston St., during which attendees can work with the college's financial aid staff on filing their FAFSA or with IRS-certified volunteers on tax preparation.

"QCC is happy to provide support to complete both processes as both are an important step to accessing state and federal funding to complete postsecondary education," said Vice President of Strategic Enrollment and Student Engagement Michelle Tufau Afriyie. "It is important to file early because there is a limited amount of aid available that mostly gets distributed on a first-come, first-served basis."

Quinsigamond Community College participates in the IRS initiative known as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which offers free tax preparation for low- to moderate-income people who were paid about \$58,000 or less, the college said.

Other qualified individuals will also qualify including people with disabilities, seniors and limited English speakers.

Volunteer tax preparers can only help with "basic tax situations," and are unable to file for business owners, homeowners or other situations.

The workshops will be from 3 until 7 p.m., with FAFSA filing assistance taking place in room 377A and 378A, and tax preparation taking place in 177A and 178A.

The priority deadline for filing a FAFSA is April 1, while the final day to file a tax return is April 18.