Dear AHS Alumni Families,

I hope this message finds you well, and happy to have your student safely back at home for the semester break! Please find an invitation to our upcoming FAFSA workshop and the Spring 2013 Book Scholarship application and instructions below. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

**SAVE THE DATE: FAFSA Workshop @ AF Amistad HS**

**Tuesday, January 15th, 2013**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

**Please reply to let us know if you will be attending!**

* **Come to AF AHS to complete your FAFSA online!** Ms. Gallagher and staff members from AF AHS will be on hand to help troubleshoot any issues you may have.

*If you are not computer savvy, bring a friend or family member who is!*

* **Priority Deadline for FAFSA Renewal at CT State Schools: February 15, 2013**

Don’t miss out on thousands of dollars of scholarships, grants and loans by submitting a late FAFSA!

* The goal of this workshop is to complete your FAFSA. Therefore, you must bring:
  + Student & Parent W-2 forms for 2011 & 2012
    - *If your student did not work during 2012, they will not have a W2*
  + Student & Parent Federal Income Tax Return 2011 & 2012
  + Untaxed income records for 2011 & 2012 (Social Security, TANF, welfare or VA benefits).
  + Student & Parent Social Security Number
  + Student & Parent FAFSA PINs
  + Current bank statements
  + Current business and investment information (mortgage info, farm records, stock, bond)
* Can’t make it on Thursday, January 15th? Attend the [College Goal Sunday program](http://www.collegegoalsundayct.org/student-registration) at Gateway Community College on Sunday, January 27th

*Reservations are required, please click the link above to save your spot!*

**AF AHS Alumni Program Spring 2013 Book Scholarships**

* All AF AHS alumni currently enrolled in college (full or part-time) are eligible for the following funds:

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| **Year in College** | **Total**  **Amount** | **1st Semester** | **2nd Semester** |
| Year 1 | **$500** | $250 | $250 |
| Year 2 | **$300** | $150 | $150 |
| Year 3 | **$200** | $100 | $100 |
| Year 4 | **$200** | $100 | $100 |

**Please encourage your student to submit their book scholarship! In order to receive these funds, students need to**:

1. Complete the [Spring 2013 Book Scholarship Survey](https://docs.google.com/a/achievementfirst.org/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGFhX0tHaXlSR3VTRW9PVWxRN0VEdFE6MQ#gid=0) (click for link)
2. Submit the following materials to [kathryngallagher@achievementfirst.org](mailto:kathryngallagher@achievementfirst.org) as soon as possible:

* Academic Schedule for Spring 2013
* Unofficial Transcript through Fall 2012
* Book Scholarships will be issued as a personal check to the student.
* Book Scholarship checks will be processed within 10 business days; if an application is considered incomplete, the check will not be processed.
* Unless otherwise noted, Book Scholarship checks will be mailed to the student’s address on-campus

Best,

Ms. Gallagher

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