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City Clerk del Valle Offers Free Assistance with Student Aid Applications – Students May Be Eligible to Receive Up to \$10,000!
City Clerk del Valle and the Tax Assistance Program partner to assist students and families with the FAFSA application

City Clerk Miguel del Valle is partnering with the Tax Assistance Program to provide free assistance for individuals filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Beginning January 29th, prospective college students and parents are encouraged to visit City Clerk del Valle's office in Room 107 of City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., on Tuesday evenings from 5:30–7:30 p.m. to receive one-on-one assistance to complete the FAFSA form. This free service will be offered every Tuesday evening at City Clerk del Valle's office through April 8th. No appointment is necessary.

The FAFSA form is required for all students seeking grants, work-study opportunities, or student loans. Students interested in attending a university, community college, or technical program may be eligible to receive more than \$10,000 in grants for their higher education.

“Every year, thousands of dollars of financial aid marked for students is unclaimed because students do not complete and submit these forms,” said City Clerk del Valle. “Some people assume they are not eligible because of their income level; while others may be intimidated by the application's worksheets—but the reality is most students are eligible for some form of financial aid and help is available. I strongly urge anyone planning to enroll in college to take advantage of the services offered by the Tax Assistance Program,” added City Clerk del Valle.

FAFSA form assistance at City Clerk del Valle's office is a free service that will be provided to anyone. **There are no income restrictions for students and families who need financial aid form assistance.** Students should bring the most recent copy of their own tax return and that of their parents (if the student is being supported by their parents) and should also have the birthdates and Social Security Numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) for themselves and their parents. Therefore, it is recommended that parents accompany their student to the financial aid form session.

“Thanks to City Clerk del Valle, parents and students can now get help applying for financial aid at City Hall,” said Robert M. Burke, Founder, Chairman and CEO of TAP. “We are thrilled to work with City Clerk del Valle, who understands the importance of education.”

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Submitting the FAFSA is the first step in applying for financial aid for higher education. It is used in applying for student aid programs, including Pell Grants, Stafford Loans and campus-based programs. The FAFSA collects the information required to determine need and eligibility for financial aid. In addition to FAFSA assistance, informational materials for the College Illinois! 529 Tuition Program will also be available.

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About City Clerk del Valle

Miguel del Valle was elected as Clerk of the City of Chicago in 2007. City Clerk del Valle's office is responsible for maintaining official city government records, issuing city licenses, and distributing approximately 1.3 million vehicle stickers. City Clerk del Valle is bringing more efficiency and visibility to City Clerk services by providing greater access to public records including web casting of City Council meetings, expanding community outreach programs, modernizing operations to expedite the sale of dog registration and city stickers. www.ChiCityClerk.com

About the Tax Assistance Program

The Tax Assistance Program is a fast-paced entrepreneurial nonprofit organization dedicated to providing innovative and free financial services to hardworking, low-income families. TAP enables working families to claim tax credits and refunds as well as overcome barriers to mainstream financial resources by linking skilled volunteer professionals to their communities. For more information about the services offered by the Tax Assistance Program, please visit <http://www.taxassistance.org> or call (312) 458-9105.