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Pikes Peak United Way Assists with FAFSA Applications

Colorado Springs, Colo. — [Pikes Peak United Way](#) is assisting parents and students with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) through August 31.

The FAFSA is an online form that parents and students must complete each year to receive financial aid. The FAFSA covers federal grants, work-study funds, and student loans. It's free to complete, but many families struggle to provide the information required to complete the form accurately.

That's where Pikes Peak United Way comes in — its staff is available by appointment to assist local families.

"We're here to help," said Cindy Aubrey, CEO of United Way. "Our career readiness team is available to help with the federal form, which is mandatory for students who need federal assistance in paying for college."

The FAFSA, which was updated in 2024, requires families to create a verified account that includes an ID and parent or spouse contributors' information for the form, as well as income and asset information. Navigating the form can be challenging, particularly for families of first-generation college students.

"We're fortunate to be able to provide that assistance for local families," Aubrey said. "Please reach out to us and let us help you get the federal assistance needed for college."

Interested students and families can call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment.

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About Pikes Peak United Way: The mission of Pikes Peak United Way is to enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources, and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter, and learning resources. Visit <https://www.ppunitedway.org/> for more information. #LiveUnited