

## Student Financial Services: Don't Be Late To The Game

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**MAYA:** Hey, Andy, what's up?

**ANDY:** Hi, Maya. How are you?

**MAYA:** I'm good.

**ANDY:** It's another great Cougar football Saturday!

**MAYA:** But, Andy, it's Friday. Why are we here?

**ANDY:** Because I love Cougar football. I can't wait!

**MAYA:** Go, Cougs!

**ANDY:** Go, Cougs!

**MAYA:** Hey, Andy, this is my friend Britney. She's going to be a Cougar next fall.

**ANDY:** Nice. Very nice to meet you.

**BRITNEY:** Nice to meet you.

**ANDY:** Welcome to the Cougar family. Oh, Maya, go deep. Whoo, haven't warmed up yet.

**BRITNEY:** Yeah.

**ANDY:** So are you excited about coming here in the fall?

**BRITNEY:** Super excited.

**ANDY:** Oh, you're going love it here. It's just great. It'll be the best four years of your life. Nice toss. Maya, why does this football say October 1 on it? That's kind of weird. What's happening October 1st?

**MAYA:** Come on, man. You need to get out more. October 1st is when we can start filling out the FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

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**ANDY:** Well, that's cool.

**MAYA:** Yeah, it is cool.

**ANDY:** And what are of the new deadlines?

**MAYA:** Well, for returning Cougs like you and me, our deadline's November 30th.

**ANDY:** OK.

**BRITNEY:** Well, what about me?

**MAYA:** That's a good question, Britney. For new Cougs, like you, their deadline's going to be January 31st. However, we'd still recommend that you get done as soon as possible.

**ANDY:** But wait a minute. The FAFSA's based on me and my family's income, right? How am I going to file a FAFSA before the year even ends? I mean, my family hasn't even thought about doing their taxes yet. Are we supposed to just guess? I mean, how much of this is right?

**MAYA:** Well, actually, let me tell you a story. Back in the day--

**MAYA, ANDY, BRITNEY:** Doodley do, doodley do, doodley do, doodley do...

**MAYA:** Hey, Andy.

**ANDY:** Yeah, hold on. What? I'm trying to play Snake.

**MAYA:** Did you know FAFSA opens today, January 1, 1998? You're going to fill yours out?

**ANDY:** Well, yeah, now that the year's over and I've got my estimates done. It'll be piece of cake.

**MAYA:** Nice! Sweet flashback. Am I right? Yeah, now you can fill out the FAFSA with your tax information from the prior-prior year.

**ANDY:** Wait, prior-prior year? Does that mean two years?

**MAYA:** Add it up, Coug. Prior-prior means two years ago.

**ANDY:** Well, nice. I've already got that information, so I can just input it. That's easy. Cool.

**MAYA:** Yeah. And there's this thing called a data retrieval tool that automatically imports information from your taxes right to your FAFSA.

**ANDY:** Perfect.

**BRITNEY:** Yeah, so you should be able to get it done with no problem.

**MAYA:** It's a new process for schools all across country. Student Financial Services has a great website with lots of resources. I check it regularly.

**ANDY:** That's a good point. I should check that stuff more regularly.

**MAYA:** They also are really good with social media and post some great tips.

**BRITNEY:** Yeah, that's pretty cool. I think I'm going to start following them, too.

**MAYA:** Yeah, you can always give them a call, email them, or make an appointment to speak with an adviser to get help.

**ANDY:** That's great information. I feel like I'm prepared now for the new deadlines next year.

**MAYA:** Awesome.

**BRITNEY:** Only 28 more hours until the football game.

**MAYA:** Andy, go long. [ LAUGHS ]

**ANDY:** You didn't throw it.