

**USEFUL INFORMATION
TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID**

2009-2010

1. DO NOT USE A SERVICE THAT CHARGES A FEE TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS WHEN APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID AT LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR.

2. COMPLETE ONLY THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR 2009-2010 AT LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR.

3. THE DEFINITION FOR AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT IS:

- 1) BORN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1986;**
- 2) MARRIED: OR SEPARATED BUT NOT DIVORCED.**
- 3) WORKING ON A MASTERS OR DOCTORATE PROGRAM**
- 4) ARE YOU CURRENT SERVING ACTIVE DUTY IN THE US ARM FORCES FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN TRAINING?**
- 5) VETERAN OF US ARM FORCES: OR**
- 6) LEGAL DEPENDENTS (OTHER THAN SPOUSE) THAT YOU SUPPORT MORE THAN 50%; OR**
- 7) ORPHAN OR WARD OF COURT.**
- 8) AS OF TODAY, ARE YOU AN EMANCIPATED MINOR AS DETERMINED BY A COURT IN YOUR STATE OF LEGAL RESIDENCE?**
- 9) AS OF TODAY, ARE YOU IN LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP AS DETERMINED BY A COURT IN YOUR STATE OF LEGAL RESIDENCE?**
- 10) AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2008, DID YOUR HIGH SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMELESS LIASON DETERMINE THAT YOU WERE AN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH WHO WAS HOMELESS?**
- 11) AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2008 DID THE DIRECTOR OF AN EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DETERMINE THAT YOU WERE AN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH WHO WAS HOMELESS?**
- 12) AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2008, DID THE DIRECTOR OF A RUNAWAY OR HOMELESS YOUTH BASIC CENTER OR TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM DETERMINE THAT YOU WERE AN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH WHO WAS HOMELESS OR WERE SELF-SUPPORTING AND AT RISK OF BEING HOMELESS?**

IF ALL ANSWERS ARE NO THEN YOU ARE A DEPENDENT STUDENT.

4. GATHER TOGETHER ALL INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA (DEPENDENT STUDENTS MUST INCLUDE PARENT'S INFORMATION), SUCH AS:

- 1) ALL TAX RETURNS WITH W-2'S & SCHEDULES FOR 2008**
- 2) ALL CHILD SUPPORT RECEIVED OR PAID FOR 2008**
- 3) ALL TANF FOR 2008**
- 4) ALL UNTAXED INCOME RECEIVED IN 2008**