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Dear County Counselors and 2024 Scholarship Applicants:

In our ongoing efforts to refine and enhance our scholarship application process, the Hillsdale County Community Foundation would like to inform you of an important update regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year 2024-2025.

After careful consideration and continuous collaboration with educational authorities, the Foundation has learned that the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), will not be available until mid-March. While this poses a logistical challenge as our application is due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, we remain committed to providing a fair and comprehensive assessment of financial need for all scholarship applicants.

In light of this new information, we are adjusting our 2024 application requirements. In lieu of uploading a copy of your SAR, ***we kindly request that all applicants upload a copy of the FAFSA confirmation email. The FAFSA confirmation email will include both the date the student filed, along with an estimated Student Aid Index (SAI).***

This proactive measure ensures that our evaluation process aligns with the most up-to-date financial information, allowing reviewers to make well-informed decisions in support of deserving students. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this adjustment, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to facilitating access to education for all.

Thank you for your continued engagement and dedication to advancing educational opportunities.

Sincerely,

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Program Director