

SIERRA COLLEGE

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Ability to Benefit Certification Letter 09/10

We have received your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2009-2010. The results of the FAFSA have indicated that you may need to take the Ability to Benefit (ATB) test, because you either skipped question **26**, selected “other” or you did not graduate from high school or receive a GED. Please complete one of the following steps to clear your Financial Aid.

1. If you did not answer question **26** on the FAFSA and you do have a high school diploma/GED, you need to go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov and make a correction to your FAFSA.
2. If you are graduating from high school before Fall 2009 and left question **26** blank, because you haven't graduated yet, you need to go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov and select one of the following: high school diploma, GED, home schooled.
3. The federal ATB guidelines have changed. The new guidelines now state that students completing 6 units of degree applicable coursework meet the federal Ability to Benefit guidelines. Please contact the Assessment Office and your units will be reviewed.
4. If you do not have a high school diploma/GED, or completed 6 units of degree applicable coursework, you need to take the assessment tests. Following are the steps to schedule your assessment tests:

- **Apply:**

- All students must complete and submit a Sierra College Admissions Application prior to scheduling an assessment appointment – Applications can be submitted online at www.sierracollege.edu, select the Apply & Register tab or apply in person at the Rocklin, Nevada County, Roseville Gateway or Tahoe-Truckee Admissions & Records offices.

- **Create a MySierra Account:**

- Students must create a MySierra account to obtain a Sierra College Student ID number. MySierra accounts are established at www.sierracollege.edu. Select the MySierra link located on the right hand margin of the webpage.

- **Schedule an Assessment Appointment:**

- Call the Assessment Office **nearest you** to schedule an Assessment Test appointment. See the list of Sierra college sites and contact information below.

Rocklin Campus:	(916) 660-7430
Roseville Gateway Campus:	(916) 781-6204
Tahoe Truckee Campus:	(530) 550-2225
Nevada County Campus:	(530) 274-5303

- Students must know their Student ID number to take the assessment test; **Social Security Numbers will not be used to identify the student for test purposes.** Assessment results will be made available immediately after testing is completed.

- **Assessment Schedule Available online**

The Assessment Schedule is available on our website at www.sierracollege.edu. Select the Student Services tab, followed by the Assessment link, and select Assessment Schedule, located on the left margin to review the schedule. Note the sample Assessment questions can be viewed online at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html>.