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**Capital Community College and Hartford Public Library Team Up to
Offer Sessions on College Financial Aid**

College-bound students seeking financial aid for academic year 2007-2008 can take advantage of free seminars and onsite assistance during January and February.

The series, "Applying for College Money Is as Easy as 1-2-3," is spearheaded by the Hartford Public Library in partnership with Capital Community College and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Kaplan Test Prep & Admissions is also a programming participant. *All Programs will take place at the Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.*

Tuesday, January 16, 6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. (snow date Thursday, January 18)

College 101 - A representative from Kaplan Test Prep & Admissions will share the key factors college admissions officers consider when deciding which students to admit.

Tuesday, January 23, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (snow date Thursday, January 25)

All about Money for College - Capital Community College staff will explain how the college financing process works and the importance of completing the 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Students Aid (also known as FAFSA).

Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. (snow date Saturday, January 27)

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving College Scholarships - This presentation will describe the more than 100 scholarships available to area students from the Hartford Foundation; a searchable directory is online at www.hfpg.org/scholarships.

**You must register for the free seminars listed above: in person, online
at www.hplct.org/register.htm, or by calling 695-6295**

The following are dates and times for **one-on-one FAFSA Assistance at the Library** for January & February – No appointment necessary, first come, first served:

Wednesdays, January 17 – February 21 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

FAFSA Onsite Assistance: Setting the U.S. Department of Education PIN

Instructors will assist with applying for a U.S. Department of Education Personal Identification Number, which must be done before beginning a FAFSA application. Dependent students' parents should also apply for a PIN so that they can electronically sign the FAFSA. No registration is required for this program.

January 22 – February 24

Wednesdays, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

FAFSA Onsite Assistance: One-on-One Volunteer Support

Volunteers will assist students in completing FAFSA forms. All students and adult learners are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA worksheet to the best of their abilities prior to seeking help onsite. Forms and a checklist of documents needed can be obtained through school guidance counselors, at a public library, or by downloading from www.fafsa.ed.gov. No registration is required for this program: students will be assisted in the order in which they arrive.

For more information about “Applying for College Money Is as Easy as 1-2-3”

call (860) 695-6295. All sessions are free and open to the public. If you require special accommodations to participate in these programs, please contact Access Assistance at 860-695-6372 or TTY 860-722-6890, two weeks prior to the program. Parking is available at the Library's ramp garage, with entrance on Arch Street.