Beginning January 2012, changes to the Financial Aid application (FAFSA) process will make life even easier for UH students. The 2012-2013 FAFSA encourages students and their parents to import tax information directly from the IRS. With just a few simple steps, students and parents who have completed their IRS tax return will be able to view and transfer their tax information into their FAFSA. The IRS Data Retrieval Process (available February 1st) saves time and greatly reduces the probability of being chosen for verification. Electronically filed tax return information will be available from the IRS in 1-2 weeks; data from paper tax returns will be available 6-8 weeks after filing.

Information about how to apply for financial aid at UH can be found on our website, www.uh.edu/finaid2012.

New Student Orientation Registration Open Feb. 1

New Student Orientation is a mandatory 2-day conference for all incoming freshman students. By registering for New Student Orientation, students are joining other new Cougars as members of the Class of 2016! Please encourage your incoming UH students to register for Orientation early, so they can pick the best class schedule as classes fill up fast!

Students can begin registering on February 1 at www.uh.edu/orientation. The deadline to register is June 1.

Visit UH During This Spring’s Cougar Preview

Come experience the University of Houston on Saturday, March 3! Cougar Preview is our open house that is intended to assist students with their college choice.

Family members and guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend the event. Students can register at www.uh.edu/campusvisits.

Destination UH

At this invitation-only event for admitted students, students will enjoy sneak peak access to the University of Houston and take the next steps to becoming a Cougar. Several dates will be available throughout the spring semester for this event.

New Texas State Law (SB 1107)

Beginning January 2012, Texas State law (SB 1107) mandates that all entering students under the age of 30 provide a form signed by a health care provider or an official immunization record verifying that a student has been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis or has received a booster during the five years prior to registration. More information can be found at www.uh.edu/immunization.

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