

Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

200 Westboro Road
North Grafton, MA 01536

Financial Aid Office

Telephone: (508) 839-8733

TO: V' 13, V' 14 & V' 15 Students
FROM: Financial Aid Office
DATE: February 2012
RE: 2012-2013 Financial Aid Application

Complete your FAFSA on the web. See the TCSVM application instructions for more information and deadline considerations.

<http://www.fafsa.gov>

Federal Title IV School Code: E00362

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 24, 2012

This application packet contains the instructions and forms you will need to apply for both TCSVM institutional financial aid and federal financial aid. TCSVM institutional financial aid, which includes need-based grants and loans, is awarded solely on the basis of financial need. If you are applying for institutional aid, please note the TCSVM requirement for parent information and refer to the instructions for exceptions. Your eligibility for institutional financial aid will be determined using an analysis that assesses the financial ability of you and your parents to contribute toward your educational expenses.

For institutional aid, your dependency status remains what it was at the time you enrolled. If you did not meet the TCSVM independence criteria when you enrolled, your parents' information will be required to apply for institutional aid.

Eligibility for federal aid, which includes loans only, will be based only on the student's resources.

To apply for financial aid, you must submit an aid application each year. Our office must receive all application materials from you by April 24, 2012 including the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the required 2011 federal tax forms. **You must submit your FAFSA to the processor about two weeks prior to our application deadline to allow enough processing time for TCSVM to receive the results by the deadline.** Late applications will be considered for federal student loans only. The deadline is strictly enforced!

Recommendation: Submit FAFSA to processor by April 10, 2012

Tips to Avoid Application Mistakes

To help you avoid mistakes that may cause you to miss the application deadline, please pay special attention to the items listed below. In addition, we recommend that you submit your application packet early, in person, to have it reviewed for completeness; or, use the submission checklist provided to ensure that all required materials are included.



- Enter the correct TCSVM Federal School Code in Step Six on the FAFSA: **E00362**
- Sign documents
- Submit tax schedules, W-2 and 1099-misc forms **with** your tax return
- Don't wait until the last minute. Often the 1040 tax forms submitted to our office are missing the W-2 forms or tax schedules that were filed along with the 1040. If you wait until the deadline nears to submit your forms, you may not have time before the deadline to retrieve and submit the missing items.

Application Assistance

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions about the application process.

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2012-2013 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR V'13, V'14 & V'15

Applicants for institutional financial aid must be US citizens or permanent residents. International students who are entering second-year or greater are also eligible to apply for institutional aid. Basic federal aid application criteria may found at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>. International student aid resources may be found at <http://www.edupass.org/>.

To apply for institutional *and* federal financial aid, submit the application materials listed in the left-hand column. To apply for federal aid *only*, submit the materials listed in the right-hand column.

Institutional & Federal Aid Application Materials	Federal Financial Aid Application Materials
1. 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	1. 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
2. TCSVM Financial Aid Application	2. TCSVM Financial Aid Application
3. Student's 2011 Federal Income Tax Return (a signed copy)	3. If you opt NOT to use the IRS Data Retrieval option when completing the FAFSA, you may be required to submit an official IRS Federal Tax Transcript to TCSVM.
4. TCSVM Parent Questionnaire	Parent information is not required if you are applying for federal aid only.
5. Parents' 2011 Federal Income Tax Return (a signed copy)	
Institutional financial aid is awarded solely on the basis of financial need.	Federal aid consists of Federal Direct Loans, Perkins Loans and Federal Work Study.

Parent information requirement: Although veterinary students are considered independent for federal funds, parent information must be provided on the FAFSA if you are applying for institutional aid. Institutional aid consists of need-based grants and loans from TCSVM aid resources. Parent information is also required for consideration for one need-based federal loan program, the federal Health Professions Student Loan. Parent information provided on the FAFSA will not impact your eligibility for other federal loans.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Application materials must be received by April 24, 2012. If you miss this deadline, you will not be considered for institutional financial aid, however, you will still be considered for student loans.

1. 2012-2013 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) Website: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Plan to submit your FAFSA to the processor a few weeks before the TCSVM aid deadline to allow enough processing time for TCSVM to receive your results by the deadline. If your final 2011 tax return is not available when you complete the FAFSA, use estimated income figures on the FAFSA. The TCSVM **Federal School Code** to be used in Step Six of the FAFSA is **E00362**. After your FAFSA has been processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Please verify that TCSVM appears on the SAR. If you have not designated TCSVM to receive your results, you must add our school code to your SAR using the FAFSA corrections process. Your **grade level** for FAFSA Question 29 is 7 for continuing graduate/professional or beyond. Your **degree** for FAFSA Question 30 is 8.

If you have not previously obtained a Federal Student Aid Personal Identification Number (PIN), you must obtain one to complete the FAFSA. Your PIN may be used to electronically sign your FAFSA and to make corrections. Request or retrieve your PIN at <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.

2. 2012-2013 TCSVM FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

All aid applicants, even those applying for federal loans only, must submit this form. It must be received by the Financial Aid Office by April 24, 2012.

3. STUDENT & SPOUSE/PROSPECTIVE SPOUSE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN(S)

A complete **signed** copy of your 2011 federal tax return, including all tax schedules, W-2, and 1099-MISC forms, must be received by the Financial Aid Office by the deadline. If you are not required to file a tax return, but you worked, you must submit copies of any W-2 and/or 1099-MISC statements you received.

SSN on Tax Return: For your protection, please remove/block out your SSN on the copy of the tax return you submit to TCSVM.

4. 2012-2013 TCSVM FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION--PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

If you are applying for TCSVM institutional aid, you must submit this form regardless of your marital status and regardless of whether or not your parents currently support you. For exceptions, please see the Affidavit of Self-Supporting Status section below. The Parent Questionnaire must be received by Tuesday, April 24th.

Divorced/Separated Parents: Each parent must submit his/her own Parent Questionnaire. TCSVM does not acknowledge financial arrangements made in divorce agreements. Step-parent information, if applicable, must also be included.

Exceptions: If you are unable to provide data for one or both of your parents due to exceptional circumstances (estrangement), you must complete a waiver request form to submit with your application. TCSVM does not automatically exclude a parent's information even if it was excluded at a school you attended previously. Your application for institutional aid will not be considered if you omit parental information without completing the proper waiver request.

5. PARENTS' FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN

A complete **signed** copy of your parents' 2011 federal tax return including all tax schedules, W-2 and 1099-MISC statements, must be received by the Financial Aid Office by April 24th.

IMPORTANT TAX RETURN REQUIREMENT NOTICE:

Although estimated income information may be used on the FAFSA, we require that you provide a copy of your final tax return to our office by the deadline so we may verify and update your FAFSA data.

If you do not submit copies of your tax schedules, W-2 & 1099-misc forms along with the copy of your federal tax return, your application will not be considered for institutional financial aid. Tax schedules are typically part of your return if you have income from interest, dividends, business, capital gains, real estate, partnerships, trusts, etc. Review your return before submitting it to the Financial Aid Office to make sure any schedules you were required to file are attached.

Exceptions for submitting the required final copy of the 2011 federal tax return may be made for individuals who are unable to complete their tax return because they are awaiting K-1 information (for individuals involved in businesses structured as partnerships). Estimated information and all application materials are required by the deadline for those individuals

Financial aid offers will not be made based on estimated tax returns or on a tax year other than 2011.

Affidavit of Self-Supporting Status: Exception to the requirement for parental information.

If you were financially self-supporting for a minimum of five years *prior* to your matriculation date and you meet minimum income requirements established by TCSVM for each of the five years prior to matriculation, you may apply to be considered for institutional aid without your parents' information. You will be required to certify that you have not and will not receive support from your parents for each of the five years prior to and during enrollment. Examples of support include money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical care, payment of college costs, etc. You will also be required to submit copies of your federal tax returns for each of the five years prior to your matriculation date. You can not have been claimed as a dependent in the last 5 years. To apply for self-supporting status, contact the aid office to obtain an Affidavit of Self-Supporting Status form. If you completed this process in the past, you do not have to complete this process again.

DVM/MPH Program Applicants: March 1st deadline for limited need-based aid from PHPD program for MPH tuition. Separate from DVM aid application requirements. <http://www.tufts.edu/med/docs/about/offices/finaid/phpdscholarjune09.pdf>

Outside Scholarship Information: Non-institutional aid resource information -<https://wiki.s.uit.tufts.edu/confluence/x/3iW1Ag>

Mailing Instructions 

Due to the processing timeframe, we will be unable to notify you if something is missing, therefore, it is your responsibility to make sure your application packet is complete. The following must be received by April, 24, 2012:

Checklist

- 2012-2013 FAFSA results: school receives results electronically after you complete FAFSA
- 2012-2013 TCSVM Financial Aid Application
- 2012-2013 TCSVM Financial Aid Application--Parent Questionnaire
- Student's (& spouse/prospective spouse) **signed** 2011 **federal*** income tax return, schedules, W-2 & 1099-misc forms (don't forget to attach your W-2 and other forms to tax documents)
- Parents' **signed** 2011 **federal*** income tax return, schedules, W-2 & 1099-MISC statements

* Please do not submit copies your **state** tax returns to our office.

Remember, your FAFSA must be submitted to the processor a few weeks prior to the TCSVM deadline in order for your results to be available in time to meet the TCSVM deadline.



WE CAN HELP! Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions about the financial aid process. You may call (508) 839-8733 or email vet-finaid@tufts.edu.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

2012-2013

This form cannot be submitted electronically or by fax.

Complete this form if you are applying for any form of financial assistance, including institutional aid and/or federal student loans. Please do not leave any questions blank. Please indicate \$0 when applicable or "n/a" if a question is not applicable. Please print.

1. Name _____
2. Permanent Address _____
 Street, City, State, Zip Code _____
3. State of Legal Residence _____ 4. Driver's License No./State _____
5. E mail Address _____ 6. County (based legal state residence) _____
7. Permanent Phone Number _____ Local/Cell Phone _____

8. Indicate your academic program and your expected year of graduation:
- DVM Select expected year of graduation: 2013 2014 2015 2016 DVM students may apply for student loans and institutional aid.
- MS Animals & Public Policy 2013
- MS Conservation Medicine 2013 MS students may apply for federal and private loans only.

- 8a. **DVM students/applicants only:** Check one box below to indicate the type of aid for which you are you applying.
- I am applying for student loans only.** Parent financial information is not required to apply for federal and private loans. Students applying for student loans only may also be considered for Federal Work Study and Perkins Loans.
- I am applying for institutional financial aid and student loans.** Parent financial information IS required to apply for institutional grants and institutional loans and the federal Health Professions Student Loan. However, your parents' information will not be used to determine your eligibility for federal aid. Refer to the application instructions for exceptions to the requirement for parental information.

09. Indicate here if you wish to be considered for Federal Work Study employment: 2012 Summer Period 2012-13 Academic Year
10. Citizenship: U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident VISA Student/Class: F1 F2 J1 J2 Other

11. Are you married or will you be married by May 31, 2013? NO Yes Date of marriage/or upcoming wedding _____
- If you are married, or will be married by 05/31/13, you must include your spouse's/fiancé's/fiancée's income and asset information on this application. You must also submit a signed copy of his/her 2011 federal tax return, including all tax schedules. If your marriage plans change **after** this application has been submitted, you must notify the TCSVM Financial Aid Office.

12. Living arrangements for the 2012-2013 academic year (check one): Parents Spouse Roommates Alone
- Your portion of your monthly rent/mortgage, if known, for the 2012-13 academic year: \$ _____

ASSETS Please cross-check the amounts you report here and on your FAFSA for accuracy and explain any significant differences in the amounts reported on each form.

	What is it worth today?	What is owed on it?
13. Cash, savings and checking accounts (value as of today)	\$ _____	\$ XXXXXXXXXXXX
14. IRA, Keogh, 401K, Other Retirement/Pension value as of 12/31/11	\$ _____	\$ XXXXXXXXXXXX
15. Home (renters write in "0") Year Purchased _____ Purchase Amount \$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
16. Other real estate (itemize on separate sheet if more than one property).....	\$ _____	\$ _____
17. Investments (include certificate of deposits (CD), money market funds, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, securities, etc.) Itemize on page 4 or a separate sheet.	\$ _____	\$ _____
18. Business (if you had business income or losses, report a business value here).....	\$ _____	\$ _____
19. Farm value and debt: Is the farm your primary residence? _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

20. Do you have, or are you the beneficiary of a trust fund? No Yes Value: \$ _____
- If yes, list type of fund and describe the terms of the trust on a separate paper. You may be asked to submit a copy of the trust agreement.

21. Does anyone, including your parents, have assets in your or your spouse's name? _____ If yes, itemize on page 4 or a separate sheet.

22. Year/Make/Model of your and your spouse's car(s) Car 1 _____ Car 2 _____

INCOME: 2011

23. 2011 federal tax status: Filer or Non-filer. Tax filers must submit a signed copy of the return, W-2 forms & tax schedules.

24. **Non-filers:** If you did not file, and are not required to file a 2011 federal income tax return, list your employer(s) and any income received in 2011. Submit copies of your W-2 and/or 1099 forms. Provide this information for you (and your spouse if applicable).

<u>Source(employer)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
a. _____	\$ _____	b. _____	\$ _____
c. _____	\$ _____	d. _____	\$ _____

If you received financial support from family or friends, please include the amount in 25g below and on your FAFSA, #44.

25. **Verification of 2011 Untaxed Income: Tax filers and non-filers must complete this section.** TCSVM will use your federal tax return to verify your taxable and certain untaxed income and tax allowances. The following sources of untaxed income do not appear on the tax return, therefore, all applicants must complete this section. List the amounts you and/or your spouse received from the following sources.

- a. Child support you received for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments\$ _____
- b. Housing, food, and living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits)\$ _____
- c. Veterans' non-education benefits and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.....\$ _____
- d. Any other untaxed income or benefit not already reported elsewhere on this form. Don't include student aid, earned income credit, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, or benefits from flexible spending arrangements, e.g., cafeteria plans\$ _____
- e. Welfare benefits (don't include Food Stamps or subsidized housing)\$ _____
- f. Social Security benefits received that were not taxed (such as SSI).....\$ _____
- g. Cash received, or any money paid on your behalf (e.g. bills), not reported elsewhere on this form*.....\$ _____
 * Money paid on your behalf is considered untaxed income for graduate students. However, if you were a dependent undergraduate student in 2011, you should not include payments made by your parents in 25g.
- h. Amount of any Public Assistance received in 2011 (food stamps)\$ _____
- i. Amount of any Child Support Paid in 2011 (attach statement with name of recipient & child)\$ _____

EXPECTED RESOURCES: Assistance you expect to receive for the 2012-2013 academic year.

26. Indicate the amount of financial assistance you will receive for the 2012-2013 academic year from (indicate each source using check-box) your parents, relatives, spouse's parents or other sources. Itemize on a separate paper if more than one source.\$ _____

27. **OUTSIDE RESOURCES:** You are required to notify the TCSVM Financial Aid Office if you receive any form of outside assistance. List below assistance you expect to receive for the 2012-2013 academic year (not awarded by TCSVM). Include grants, scholarships, loans, veteran's benefits, Army Health Professions Scholarships and aid from any other source. You are required to notify our office in writing if you receive any additional aid after submitting this application. If more space is needed, please submit the information on a separate paper.

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

28. Student (& Spouse's/Prospective Spouse's) 2012-2013 Expected Income

In most cases, your expected income will be used to determine your eligibility for institutional aid. If you do not provide your expected income information below, your 2011 tax year income will be used in the analysis for institutional aid. Indicate the number of weeks you expect to be employed during the summer and academic year periods. If you will not be working, indicate "not working" for the appropriate period.

Student's Employment Information			Spouse's (or Prospective Spouse's) Employment Information		
<u>Employer's Name</u>	<u>No. Weeks Employed</u>	<u>Weekly Pre-tax Earnings</u>	<u>Employer's Name</u>	<u>No. Weeks Employed</u>	<u>Weekly Pre-tax Earnings</u>
Summer 2012 _____	_____	\$ _____	Summer 2012 _____	_____	\$ _____
Acad. Yr. 2012-2013 _____	_____	\$ _____	Acad. Yr. 2012-2013 _____	_____	\$ _____

29. Other expected taxable income (interest, dividends, other) for student & spouse:

Summer 2012 \$ _____ Academic Year 2012-2013 \$ _____

30. Expected untaxed income for student & spouse (if applicable) not included elsewhere on this form:

Summer 2012 \$ _____ Academic Year 2012-2013 \$ _____

31. Student's Family Member Listing: Include only yourself, your spouse and your children.

Full name of family member	Age	Relationship to student	2012-2013 College Enrollment Status					
			Year in School	Full-time	Less than half-time	Name of College	Type of Degree	Cost of Attendance*
		Self		X		TCSVM	XXXXX	

*Cost of Attendance: Indicate cost minus any employer paid reimbursements you have received or will receive.

Changes in enrollment must be reported to the TCSVM aid office. You will be required to provide verification of enrollment at the start of the term for each family member you report as expected to be enrolled in for the 2012-2013 academic year. Your aid will be adjusted if a family member does not enroll in school as expected.

32. List all colleges you have attended. If you were enrolled in another health professions program, you must submit a Financial Aid Transcript to TCSVM from that school. Most schools require a written request from you to forward your financial aid transcript.

33. Loan History: TCSVM will obtain your federal student loan data from your Student Aid Report. List other student loans below.

Student Loan History	Total Borrowed	Name of School	Unpaid Balance
Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL)	\$		\$
Private Education Loans	\$		\$
Other/	\$		\$

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

While most of the scholarship and loan monies administered by TCSVM (including federal sources) are awarded solely on the basis of financial need, a few are restricted by the donors themselves to students with particular interests or experiences. Please complete the following questions so we may consider you for all funding for which you may be eligible. If you need more space, you may submit your responses on a separate paper.

34. Indicate your professional interests by checking all that apply and briefly describe your long-term ambitions and goals.

- Small Animal Medicine Large Animal Medicine Surgery: Small/Large Canine Equine Feline Wildlife International
- Research Other: _____

35. What are your interests and hobbies outside of school? Are you involved in any organizations at TCSVM or in your community? In particular, highlight any community/public service experience (present or past experience).

36. Discuss recent work experience. Include paid employment and volunteer work. If you will not be working this summer, how will you use your time?

37. Degree Information

Undergraduate Institution: _____
Type of Degree: _____ Major: _____
Graduation Date: _____ Honors Received: _____

38. You must enter the TCSVM Federal School Code **E00362** in Step Six of the FAFSA to have your FAFSA results transmitted electronically.

Date you submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to processor: _____

39. Student Consent to Release Information

Pursuant to Section 438(b) (1) & (2) of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby consent to the Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Financial Aid Office for the release of the following: a) information regarding academic standing; including grades; b) biographical and extracurricular information as stated in application forms for admissions and financial aid; c) evidence of my financial need; d) other information a donor or organization may need for tax reporting purposes including my social security number, date of birth, etc. to donors or prospective donors of scholarship and/or loan funds of which I am or may be a recipient.

Your consent is not mandatory for you to be considered for financial aid. Without your consent, however, we may be restricted in the type of funds for which we are able to recommend you.

Signature of student _____ Date _____

40. All Applicants: If your parents or spouse, if applicable, wish to discuss your financial aid application for school-based and federal student aid and/or your financial aid award,

Do you authorize TCSVM staff to disclose information to your parents? Yes No

If applicable, do you authorize TCSVM staff to disclose information to your spouse? Yes No

Signature of student _____ Date _____

41. Additional information: If you would like to provide any additional information to our office or you would like to explain any special circumstances that have bearing on your ability to meet your financial obligations to TCSVM, please submit the information on a separate paper along with this application. If your family's financial history includes periods of severe hardship, please describe the circumstances.

42. I have reviewed the answers to all questions on this form and I certify that the answers I have provided are accurate and complete. I promise to notify the Financial Aid Office in writing of: a. any change in circumstances (marriage, employment, income, tax information, etc)

b. receipt of any additional outside sources of aid not listed on this application

Failure to report changes or additional resources with 15 days may result in the cancellation of awarded aid.

I understand that unsatisfactory academic progress or failure to fulfill the above obligations may result in the discontinuance of any aid awarded. Further, I certify that I am not in default on any Title IV loan guaranteed by the Secretary of Education at this or at any other institution. I furthermore swear that I do not owe a refund to this or any institution from a grant previously awarded, including PELL, SEOG, or State Incentive Grant.

Applicants who are selected for verification may be required to submit IRS Form 4506-T to TCSVM, which will allow TCSVM to request a copy of the applicant's tax return from the IRS. Applicants will be notified if selected for verification.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Spouse's signature _____ Date _____

Return application to:

Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Financial Aid Office, 200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536

Email: vet-finaid@tufts.edu Telephone: 508-839-8733

Application Deadlines:

Class of 2016: Monday, March 5, 2012 (postmark date)

V'13, V'14 & V'15: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 (received by date)

Application Checklist:

- 2012-2013 FAFSA
- 2012-2013 TCSVM Financial Aid Application
- 2012-2013 TCSVM Parent Questionnaire
- Student's *signed* 2011 federal* tax return *with*
 - Tax schedules & W-2 & 1099-misc forms
- Parents' *signed* 2011 federal* tax return *with*
 - Tax schedules & W-2 & 1099-misc forms

* Please do not submit copies of your state tax returns.

Student Living Expense Information

Please list your expense data as accurately as possible. If you shared expenses with a roommate, please include only your portion of the expense.

Your share of total monthly rent or mortgage.....	\$ _____
Groceries	\$ _____
Utilities	\$ _____
Auto (car payment, insurance)	\$ _____
Telephone/Internet	\$ _____
Gas (transportation)	\$ _____
Books/Supplies.....	\$ _____
Medical Costs (out of pocket)	\$ _____
Clothing.....	\$ _____
Child Care.....	\$ _____
Entertainment (include meals out)	\$ _____
Other Expenses: (please list)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES.....	\$ _____

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ V' _____

TUFTS UNIVERSITY CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

2012-2013 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION – PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

This form cannot be submitted electronically or by fax.

TCSVM awards institutional financial aid solely on the basis of financial need as determined by our need analysis. Students who do not qualify for need-based institutional aid may apply for federal and private education loans.

This form is required to apply for institutional financial aid regardless of the student's current self-supporting status or marital status. This form may be excluded only if the student meets the TCSVM self-supporting criteria as listed in the TCSVM Financial Aid Application Instructions and completes a TCSVM Affidavit of Self-Supporting Status form. Parents who are divorced or separated must submit separate Parent Questionnaires (this form may be photocopied). This form, and parent information, is not required if the student is applying for federal loans only.

Parent information must be provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> if the applicant wishes to be considered for institutional aid. In the case of divorced or separated parents, only one parent may enter information on the FAFSA. Parents will need a FAFSA PIN to complete the FAFSA. Obtain PIN: <http://www.pin.ed.gov> The Tufts Federal School FAFSA Code: E00362

Please note the requirement for a **signed** copy of your 2011 tax return by the application deadline (see page 2). Applicants who are selected for verification may also be required to submit IRS Form 4506-T to TCSVM, which will allow TCSVM to request a copy of the tax return from the IRS. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (508) 839-8733 or vet-finaid@tufts.edu.

Application deadline: The deadline for first-year applicants (Class of 2016) is Monday, March 5, 2012 (postmark date).
The deadline for V'13, V'14 and V'15 students is Tuesday, April 24, 2012 (received by date).

Student's Name:		Class	
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Please do not omit information. Information is required from both parents. Exceptions may be made with approval from the Financial Aid Office if extraordinary circumstances exist. TCSVM does not acknowledge financial arrangements made in divorce agreements. If a student is unable to submit information for both parents, he/she must contact our office prior to the application deadline for additional instructions. If a parent is deceased, please indicate that below. Divorced or separated parents must complete separate forms.

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Check one: Father Stepfather Guardian

Check one: Mother Stepmother Guardian

Occupation/title _____

Occupation/title _____

Employer _____

Employer _____

Date of retirement, if retired _____

Date of retirement, if retired _____

Father's date of Birth: _____

Mother's Date of Birth _____

Father's State Residence _____

Mother's State Residence _____

Parents' number of family members: _____. List each member below. Include people you will support between 06/01/12 - 05/31/13. You should include the TCSVM student (already listed on first line below). Include other children if they are claimed as dependents for tax purposes or if they will be full time students during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Full name of family member	Age	Member's Relationship to student	2012-2013 College Enrollment Status						
			Year in School	Full-time	Less than half-time	Name of College	Type of Degree	Cost of Attendance*	Parents' Contribution
Tufts Applicant/Student		N/A		X		TCSVM	DVM	Estimated: \$62,000/yr	

*Cost of Attendance: Indicate cost minus any employer paid reimbursements you have received or will receive.

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IMPORTANT TAX RETURN REQUIREMENT NOTICE & USING ESTIMATES ON THE FAFSA

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SSN on Tax Return: For your protection, please remove/block out your SSN on the copy of the tax return you submit to TCSVM.

Your federal tax forms will be used by TCSVM to verify your taxable income and certain untaxed income and tax allowances. If you are not required to file a return, please submit copies of your W-2 forms and other income statements along with this application. The following sources of untaxed income do not appear on the tax return, therefore, all applicants must provide information below.

- 01. 2011 Social Security benefits that were not taxed (submit copy of SSA statement)..... 01.
- 02. 2011 Welfare Benefits 02.
- 03. 2011 Child support received for all children..... 03.
- 04. Any other untaxed income or benefits such as workers compensation, housing & other living allowances received, deferred pension payments (itemize sources and amounts in #13 below) 04.

PARENTS' ASSETS Common Error: leaving home debt (owed) value blank

- | | What is it worth today? | What is owed on it? |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 05. Cash, savings, and checking accounts..... | <u>05.</u> | <u>XXXXXX</u> |
| 06. Homeowners: Year Purchased: _____ Purchase Amount \$ _____ Monthly mortgage: \$ _____ | <u>06.</u> | _____ |
| 07. Other real estate (Itemize in #13.)..... | <u>07.</u> | _____ |
| 08. Investments (Itemize in #13. Include trust funds, CD's, money market funds, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, other securities, etc.) Exclude retirement plans. | <u>08.</u> | _____ |
| 09. Business | <u>09.</u> | _____ |
| 10. Farm: Is the farm your primary residence? | <u>10.</u> | _____ |
| 11. Do you have any of the applicant's assets in your name? If yes, explain in #13..... | <u>11.</u> | _____ |
| 12. Do you own/lease a car(s)? _____ a. List Year, Make & Model _____
Total Car Payments/month: _____ b. List Year, Make & Model _____ | | |
| 13. Itemize and/or explain your responses to questions 04, 07, 08, and 11 below. | | |

If you retired in 2011, or had a change in employment/income, please explain special circumstances on a separate paper and submit supporting change in income documentation.

14. Do you authorize our financial aid staff to discuss your information with your son or daughter? Check one: Yes No

If you checked "No", or if you leave the above question blank, the statement "Unable to release information due to privacy request." will appear on the aid notification for items related to your assessed contribution. This will not affect aid eligibility.

All information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information I have provided on this form. I realize that if I do not give proof when requested, the student may not receive aid.

Father's signature **Date** **Mother's signature** **Date**

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