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This is an auto generated message; please do not respond to this email. It is strongly encouraged that you take the time to read this notification in its entirety, as it contains important information about the financial aid process at Cuesta College.

Dear ~~Mania Vazquez~~,

Thank you for applying for financial aid at Cuesta College, we are here to assist you every step of the way. In order to process your application for all possible federal aid, please follow the steps below to make sure your financial aid file is complete and ready for review. Students must complete a financial aid file before our office can begin the awarding process.

If you have not already done so, please complete a Cuesta College Admissions Application. Use the 'Apply' link from the Cuesta homepage at <http://www.cuesta.edu/>. Your Cuesta College email account will be established when you apply for Admissions (continuing students do NOT need to reapply for admissions).

Before starting the financial aid process at Cuesta College make sure you are enrolled in an academic program that is a payable financial aid program. You may view a list of financial aid eligible majors here <http://academic.cuesta.edu/admrrreg/faeligprog.pdf>.

Step 1: LOG IN to your MyCuesta student account and check your financial aid status. Students are encouraged to use the Financial Aid Checklist as a step-by-step guide on how to find the financial aid folder in the MyCuesta student portal. The Financial Aid Check List can be found on our department website at http://academic.cuesta.edu/finaid/forms/fa_checklist.pdf.

Step 2: PRINT and fill out all forms and documents requested by the financial aid office. Verify that all forms are filled out correctly and with the most up to date contact information. Incomplete forms will delay the processing of your financial aid file.

Step 3: SUBMIT all required forms to the financial aid office within two weeks of the date of this email, in order for your file to be processed in a timely manner. Only complete files will move on to be reviewed for financial aid eligibility.

Step 4: CHECK your financial aid status on MyCuesta periodically for updates. If the information on your FAFSA or forms is inaccurate, some additional documents may be requested after you complete your file.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS:

Do not make additional FAFSA corrections unless you are asked to make them by either the federal student aid program or Cuesta financial aid office. Any changes made to your FAFSA data may result in a status change and may, in some cases, trigger a request for additional data or verification forms.

Often FAFSA's are selected for review in a process called verification. Verification is the process of confirming the data on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is correct. If your FAFSA is selected for verification please note that you will be asked to submit an IRS Tax Transcript and an IRS W-2 transcript. To obtain IRS transcripts please use the following link for further instructions and information:
<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=232168,00.html>

NEW Acceptable tax forms for the 2012-2013 aid year are:

1. Official 2011 IRS Tax Transcripts and IRS W-2 transcripts
2. Foreign tax documents.

NOT acceptable tax forms for the 2012-2013 aid year are:

1. Electronic form 8453
2. Copies of parents and/or student's 2011 Tax returns filed with the IRS.

Do not complete any of the forms or worksheets on our webpage unless you have been instructed to do so by the Financial Aid Office. Submitting forms that are not requested by the financial aid office will lengthen a file's processing time.

All future financial aid notifications will be sent through MyCuesta student portal and/or the Cuesta College student email account. Financial aid notifications will not be mailed or sent to personal email accounts. Please remember to check your MyCuesta email frequently.

For more information about financial aid, please visit

<http://cuesta.financialaidtv.com/>. We wish you great success in your academic goal at Cuesta College.

Sincerely,

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