



TUFTS UNIVERSITY
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

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Dear Prospective Veterinary Student,

Greetings from the Financial Aid Office at Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (TCSVM)!

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. 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. If you are applying for institutional aid, please note the TCSVM requirement for parental information and refer to the instructions for exceptions. Eligibility for federal aid, which includes loans only, will be based only on the student's resources.

Please read all instructions before completing the forms. The TCSVM application forms and copies of the required tax forms may not be submitted electronically or faxed.

The financial aid application **deadline** is **Friday, March 6, 2009**. Our office must receive all application materials by March 6th, including the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the required 2008 federal tax forms.

The TCSVM aid application deadline is more than a month earlier than the IRS tax filing deadline; therefore you and your parents must plan to have your 2008 federal tax returns prepared early so that you will be able to provide our office with a copy of the returns by March 6th. Please share this information with your parents immediately.

In addition to preparing your taxes early, you must also plan to submit your FAFSA to the processor in early February to allow enough processing time for TCSVM to receive your results by the deadline. If your application is not complete on March 6th, you will only be considered for federal and private student loans. Our deadlines are strictly enforced!

The Financial Aid Office will hold information sessions throughout the day on admissions interview days. All aid applicants should plan to attend one of these sessions.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the application process. The office email address is vet-finaid@tufts.edu. Some parts of the application may be complicated and/or tedious, but don't give-in to any impulse to push it aside!

Sincerely,

TCSVM Financial Aid Staff

TUFTS UNIVERSITY CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

200 Westboro Road
North Grafton, MA 01536

Financial Aid Office

Telephone: (508) 839-8733

Federal Title IV School Code: E00362

2009-2010 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS (CLASS OF 2013)

Application Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2009

All application materials must be **received** by March 6, 2009. If your application is not complete by March 6th, you will not be considered for institutional financial aid, however, you will still be considered for federal and private student loans. Institutional financial aid is awarded solely on the basis of financial need.

To apply for federal student loans **and** institutional financial aid, you must submit all of the documents listed below.

To apply for federal aid only, you must submit items 1, 2 and 3.

1. 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
2. TCSVM Financial Aid Application
3. Student's 2008 Federal Income Tax Return (a **signed** copy must be submitted)
4. TCSVM Financial Aid Application--Parent Questionnaire
5. Parents' 2008 Federal Income Tax Return (a **signed** copy must be submitted)

1. 2009-2010 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

If you are applying for federal financial aid, you must file a FAFSA. Federal aid includes Federal Stafford and Grad PLUS Loans, Federal Perkins Loan, the Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) and Federal Work Study. You must include parental information on the FAFSA if you wish to be considered for the HPSL and if you are applying for institutional aid. If you are applying for federal Stafford and Grad PLUS loans only, you do not have to provide parental information on the FAFSA.

You must plan to submit your FAFSA to the processor in early February to allow enough processing time for TCSVM to receive your results by the deadline. If your final 2008 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 the Central Processing Service (CPS) has processed your FAFSA, 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 and submit the update to the CPS. Your grade level for FAFSA Question 28 is 6 for first year graduate/professional. Your degree for FAFSA Question 29 is 8.

Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for FAFSA application instructions. If you filed a 2008-09 FAFSA, you are eligible to complete a web-based renewal FAFSA. You must have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access your data. Your PIN may be used to electronically sign your FAFSA and to make corrections. If you do not have a PIN, you may request one at <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.

2. 2009-2010 TCSVM FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

All aid applicants, even those applying for federal student loans only, must submit this form. It must be received by the Financial Aid Office by March 6, 2009.

3. STUDENT & SPOUSE/PROSPECTIVE SPOUSE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN

A complete **signed** copy of your 2008 federal tax return, including all tax schedules, W-2, and 1099-MISC forms, must be received by the Financial Aid Office by March 6, 2009. 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.

Instructions continued on next page

4. 2009-2010 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. If your parents are divorced or separated, each parent must submit a Parent Questionnaire. TCSVM does not acknowledge financial arrangements made in divorce agreements. If you are unable to provide data for one or both of your parents, and you do not meet the self-supporting criteria, you must contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information and instructions prior to the application deadline. TCSVM does not automatically exclude a parent’s information even if it was excluded at a school you attended previously. Your application will be incomplete if you omit parental information without pre-approval from TCSVM. The Parent Questionnaire must be received by the Financial Aid Office by March 6, 2009.

5. PARENTS' FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN

A complete **signed** copy of your parents’ 2008 federal tax return including all tax schedules, W-2 and 1099-MISC statements, must be received by the Financial Aid Office by March 6, 2009.

IMPORTANT TAX RETURN REQUIREMENT NOTICE: *Exceptions to the deadline cannot be made for late tax returns.*

If you do not submit copies of your tax schedules, W-2 & 1099-misc forms along with the copy of your tax return, your application will be in incomplete status. 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. 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 so we may verify and update your FAFSA data. **Financial aid offers will not be made based on estimated tax returns or on a tax year other than 2008.**

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

If you have been 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 five years. To apply for self-supporting status, please contact the Financial Aid Office to obtain an Affidavit of Self-Supporting Status form. Affidavit of Self-Supporting Status forms must be received by the Financial Aid Office by March 6, 2009.

Mailing Instructions 

With the exception of the FAFSA form, which is submitted to an outside processor, we recommend you submit all application materials to the Financial Aid Office in one envelope. 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 the Financial Aid Office by March 6, 2009:

	Checklist
2009-2010 FAFSA results: either paper Student Aid Report (SAR) or Electronic Results	<input type="checkbox"/>
2009-2010 TCSVM Financial Aid Application	<input type="checkbox"/>
2009-2010 TCSVM Financial Aid Application--Parent Questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student's (& spouse/prospective spouse) signed 2008 federal income tax return, schedules, W-2 & 1099 forms.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents' signed 2008 federal income tax return, schedules, W-2 & 1099-MISC statements	<input type="checkbox"/>

Remember, your FAFSA must be submitted to the processor approximately four weeks prior to the TCSVM deadline of March 6th 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.

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**TUFTS UNIVERSITY CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION**

2009-2010

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. Last 4 digits of Social Security Number _____
 3. Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ 4. State of Legal Residence _____ 5. Driver's License No./State _____
 6. Permanent Address _____
 Street City State Zip Code
 7. E-mail Address _____ 8. County (based on state of legal residence) _____
 9. Permanent Phone # (____) _____ Local Phone # (____) _____

10. Indicate your academic program and your expected year of graduation:
 DVM (circle expected year of graduation) **2010** **2011** **2012** **2013** DVM students may apply for student loans and institutional aid.
 MS Center for Animals & Public Policy Program **2010** MS students may apply for federal and private loans only.

10a. **DVM students & DVM 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 Stafford and private educational loans. Refer to the application instructions for exceptions to the requirement for parental information.

11. Indicate here if you wish to be considered for Federal Work Study employment: 2009 Summer Period 2009-10 Academic Year

12. Citizenship: U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident VISA Student/Class: F1 F2 J1 J2 Other

13. Are you married? _____ Will you be married by May 31, 2010? _____ Date of marriage/or upcoming wedding _____

If you are married, or will be married by 05/31/10, 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 2008 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.

14. Living arrangements for the 2009-2010 academic year (check one): ___ Parents ___ Spouse ___ Roommates ___ Alone

Your portion of your monthly rent/mortgage, if known, for the 2009-10 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?
15. Cash, savings and checking accounts (value as of today)	\$ _____	\$ XXXXXXXXXXXX
16. IRA, Keogh, 401K, Other Retirement/Pension value as of 12/31/08.....	\$ _____	\$ XXXXXXXXXXXX
17. Home (renters write in "0") Year Purchased _____ Purchase Amount \$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
18. Other real estate (itemize on separate sheet if more than one property).....	\$ _____	\$ _____
19. Investments (include certificate of deposits (CD), money market funds, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, securities, etc.) Itemize on page 4 or a separate sheet	\$ _____	\$ _____
20. Business (if you had business income or losses, report a business value here).....	\$ _____	\$ _____
21. Farm value and debt: Is the farm your primary residence? _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

22. 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.

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

24. List Year/Make/Model of your and your spouse's car(s): _____

INCOME: 2008

25. Did you/will you file a 2008 federal tax return? _____ If yes, submit a signed copy of the return, W-2 forms & tax schedules to the FAO.
26. **Non-filers:** If you did not file, and are not required to file a 2008 federal income tax return, list your employer(s) and any income received in 2008. 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. _____	\$ _____	c. _____	\$ _____
b. _____	\$ _____	d. _____	\$ _____

If you received financial support from family or friends, please include the amount in 27g below and on your FAFSA, #47.

27. **Verification of 2008 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 in 2008. Amounts reported here should also be reported on your FAFSA--questions 47.

- 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, 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 2008, you should not include payments made by your parents in 27g.

EXPECTED RESOURCES: Assistance you expect to receive for the 2009-2010 academic year.

28. Indicate the amount of financial assistance you will receive for the 2009-2010 academic year from (circle each source) your parents, relatives, spouse's parents or other sources. Itemize on a separate paper if more than one source. \$ _____
29. **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 2009-2010 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.
- _____ \$ _____
- _____ \$ _____

30. Student (& Spouse's/Prospective Spouse's) 2009-2010 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 2008 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 2009 _____	_____	\$ _____	Summer 2009 _____	_____	\$ _____
Acad. Yr. 2009-2010 _____	_____	\$ _____	Acad. Yr. 2009-2010 _____	_____	\$ _____

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

Summer 2009 \$ _____ Academic Year 2009-2010 \$ _____

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

Summer 2009 \$ _____ Academic Year 2009-2010 \$ _____

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

Full name of family member	Age	Relationship to student	2009-2010 College Enrollment Status					
			Year in School	Full-time	Less than half-time	Name of College	Type of Degree	Cost of Attendance*
		Self		X		TCSVM		XXXXXX

*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 2009-2010 academic year. Your aid will be adjusted if a family member does not enroll in school as expected.

34. 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.

35. Loan History: TCSVM will obtain your Federal Stafford and Perkins 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)	\$		\$
Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL)	\$		\$
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.

36. 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: _____

37. What are your interests and hobbies outside of school? Are you involved in any organizations at TCSVM or in your community?

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

39. Name of undergraduate school & degree(s) received: _____

Date of graduation: _____ Honors received _____

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

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

41. 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 _____

42. **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 _____

43. **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.

44. **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) and 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.

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

Application Deadlines: Class of 2013: Friday, March 6, 2009
V'10, V'11 & V'12: Thursday, April 23, 2009

Email: vet-finaid@tufts.edu

Telephone: 508-839-8733

TUFTS UNIVERSITY CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
2009-2010 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 parental information, is not required if the student is applying for federal and private student loans only.

Parental information must be provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) 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.

The Tufts Federal School Code to be used on the FAFSA is: E00362

Please note the requirement for a **signed** copy of your 2008 tax return by the application deadline (see page 2). If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (508) 839-8733 or email vet-finaid@tufts.edu.

Application deadline: The deadline for first-year applicants (Class of 2013) is Friday, March 6, 2009.
 The deadline for V'10, V'11 and V'12 students is Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Student's name _____ Last 4 digits of Student's Social Security Number _____

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.

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| <p>1. Father’s Name _____
 Address _____</p> <p>2. Check one: ___ father ___ stepfather ___ guardian</p> <p>3. Occupation/title _____</p> <p>4. Employer _____ No. of years _____
 Date of retirement, if retired: _____</p> <p>9. a. Father’s Date of Birth: _____</p> <p>10. Parents' state of legal residence: Father: _____ Mother: _____</p> <p>11. Parents’ number of family members: _____. List each member below. Include the people you will support between June 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010. You should include the TCSVM student (already listed on first line below). Include other children if you claim them as a dependent for tax purposes or if they will be full time students during the 2009-2010 academic year.</p> | <p>5. Mother’s Name _____
 Address _____</p> <p>6. Check one: ___ mother ___ stepmother ___ guardian</p> <p>7. Occupation/title _____</p> <p>8. Employer _____ No. of years _____
 Date of retirement, if retired: _____</p> <p> b. Mother’s Date of Birth: _____</p> |
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Full name of family member	Age	Relationship to student	2009-2010 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: \$55,000/yr	

*Cost of Attendance: Indicate cost minus any employer paid reimbursements you have received or will receive.
Changes in expected enrollment must be reported to the TCSVM aid office. Students will be required to provide verification of enrollment at the start of the term for each family member reported as expected to be enrolled in for the 2009-2010 academic year. Aid will be adjusted if a family member does not enroll in school as expected.

IMPORTANT TAX RETURN REQUIREMENT NOTICE & USING ESTIMATES ON THE FAFSA

A signed copy of your final 2008 federal tax return, including all tax schedules and W-2 & 1099-MISC forms, must be received by TCSVM by the application deadline. If you do not submit copies of your tax schedules or W-2 statements along with your tax return, the application will be incomplete. 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 our office to make sure that any schedules you were required to file are attached.

If you are providing your information on the FAFSA, and your final 2008 tax return is not available when you complete the FAFSA, you should submit the FAFSA using estimated income figures. The FAFSA must be submitted to the processor about four weeks prior to the TCSVM deadline in order for our office to receive the results by the deadline. Although you can use estimates on the FAFSA, you must submit a final copy of your 2008 tax return to TCSVM by the application deadline. Financial aid offers will not be made based on estimated tax returns or on tax years other than 2008. Exceptions to the deadline cannot be made for late tax returns.

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.

- 12. 2008 Social Security benefits that were not taxed (submit copy of SSA statement) 12. \$ _____
13. 2008 Welfare Benefits..... 13. \$ _____
14. 2008 Child support received for all children 14. \$ _____
15. Any other untaxed income or benefits such as workers compensation, housing & other living allowances received (itemize sources and amounts in #24 below) 15. \$ _____

PARENTS' ASSETS

- 16. Cash, savings, and checking accounts..... 16. \$ _____ What is it worth today? What is owed on it? \$XXXXXXXXXXXX
17. Homeowners: Year Purchased _____ Purchase Amount \$ _____ Monthly mortgage\$ _____ 17. \$ _____ \$ _____
18. Other real estate (Itemize in #24.) 18. \$ _____ \$ _____
19. Investments (Itemize in #24. Include trust funds, CD's, money market funds, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, other securities, etc.) Exclude retirement plans. 19. \$ _____ \$ _____
20. Business 20. \$ _____ \$ _____
21. Farm: Is the farm your primary residence? _____ 21. \$ _____ \$ _____
22. Do you have any of the applicant's assets in your name? Explain in #24. 22. \$ _____ \$ _____
23. Do you own/lease a car(s)? _____ a. List year, make, model _____, _____, _____
Total Car Payment(s)\$ _____/mo. b. List year, make, model _____, _____, _____
24. Itemize and/or explain your responses to questions 15, 18, 19 and 22.

If you retired in 2008, or had a change in employment/income, please explain special circumstances on a separate paper and submit supporting change in income documentation.

- 25. 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

Return form to: Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Financial Aid Office, 200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536