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City Clerk, Ladder Up Extend Partnership to Help Students With FAFSA
Prospective College Students Now Have Until May 12 to Receive Free College Aid Assistance

WHAT: Due to overwhelming success, City Clerk Miguel del Valle and Ladder Up have extended their partnership to provide free assistance for individuals filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form through May 12. Prospective college students and parents are encouraged to visit City Clerk del Valle's office in City Hall on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to receive one-on-one assistance in completing the FAFSA form. No appointment is necessary.

WHO: This free service is for prospective college students and their parents hoping to receive Federal Financial Aid and looking for assistance in completing the FAFSA form. Students supported by their parents should bring the tax return, Social Security Number (if applicable) and birthdates of their parents. Students also should bring their Social Security Number and most recent copy of their tax return if applicable.

WHY: The FAFSA form is required for all students seeking grants, work-study opportunities or student loans. Students interested in attending a university, community college, or technical program may be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 in funding for their higher education by submitting this form.

**WHERE/
WHEN:** City Clerk Miguel del Valle's office
City Hall, Room 107
121 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago, IL

Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. through May 12

About City Clerk del Valle

Miguel del Valle was elected as Clerk of the City of Chicago in 2007. City Clerk del Valle's office is responsible for maintaining official city government records, issuing business licenses, and distributing approximately 1.3 million vehicle stickers. City Clerk del Valle is bringing more efficiency and visibility to City Clerk services by providing greater access to public records, including web casting of City Council meetings, expanding community outreach programs, modernizing operations to expedite the sale of dog registrations, city stickers and residential parking. www.ChiCityClerk.com

About Ladder Up

Ladder Up is a Chicago-based nonprofit committed to helping hardworking families secure the financial resources and assistance they need to climb up the economic ladder. By recruiting 1,800 of the area's top business, law, and finance professionals to serve as volunteers, Ladder Up offers free tax help through its Tax Assistance Program (TAP) and free financial aid form and banking assistance through its Life-Improving Financial Tools (LIFT) program. For more information about Ladder Up's free services, please visit goladderup.org or call (312) 409-1555.

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