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MERRY CHRISTMAS – A LITTLE HISTORY

Ever wonder where the phrase “Merry Christmas” comes from?

Merry Christmas traces as far back as 1534. A letter from imprisoned English Catholic Bishop John Fisher to Henry VIII’s Chief Minister Thomas Cromwell had the phrase “Merry Christmas” in it. Bishop Fisher had been held in the Tower of London prison for eight months and asked in his letter for clothing and food. He closed his letter with “And this our Lord God send you a merry Christmas”.

The phrase was also used in the 16th century English carol “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Merry Christmas became popular in 1843 when Charles Dicken’s *A Christmas Carol* was published. Merry Christmas appeared in the story 21 times. That same year the phrase also appeared on commercial Christmas cards.

Merry Christmas - English

Feliz Navidad – Spanish

Joyeux Noel - French

Frohe Weihnachten - German

Buon Natale - Italian

God Jul - Swedish

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We hope you and your family have a wonderful and safe Holiday and Blessed New Year!

THE 2023/2024 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID IS NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.STUDENTAID.GOV.

The 2023–24 FAFSA® Form: What to Know

Federal Student Aid

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The FAFSA® form became available on Oct. 1, 2022.

Taxes 2021



You'll report your 2021 tax information.

Taxes 2022



There is no need to update your FAFSA® form after filing your 2022 taxes.

Federal Work Study

The Federal Work Study (FWS) program is a need-based program which provides jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program stimulates and promotes part-time employment for students in need of earning money to help finance their educational expenses.

Federal Work-Study Quick Facts:

- It provides part-time employment while a student is enrolled in school.
- It's available to full-time or part-time students
- Pay is \$15 per hour

Students may apply for work study positions at RichmondCC through the Career & Transfer Center located in the Lee Building.

If an instructor or staff member would like to request a work study, please contact our office for more information.