FAFSA RESOURCES

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is the form seniors need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. Each year, over 13 million students who file the FAFSA get more than $120 billion in grants, work-study, and low-interest loans from the U.S. Department of Education.

ALL seniors should complete the FAFSA. _For the Class of 2024, the FAFSA has several changes and the application won't open until January 2024_. It's a good idea to submit the application as soon as possible after it opens because financial aid is often given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Some colleges have deadlines or priority dates for your FAFSA to be completed and submitted. Meeting the priority deadline date allows you the best opportunity to be considered for the most aid types possible. Check the deadlines for each college you are applying to.

Steps for the Class of 2024:

1. **Create your FSA ID** - which is how you will sign the online FAFSA. The student and parent must create their own unique FSA IDs. This must be done before completing the FAFSA. Make sure you save your username and password.

2. **On/after January 1, 2024, go to the FAFSA Website, create an account, and complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA form**.

LINKS
How to create your FSA ID Video

Create your FSA ID

How Financial Aid Works

Filling Out the FAFSA Form- tips/instructions

FAFSA Application website

What Happens After FAFSA Submitted

We encourage seniors and their parents to complete the FAFSA as soon as it opens their senior year. Students do not need to know if or where they will go to college to complete the FAFSA – it simply determines if you qualify for federal aid.