

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - OPEN NOW to APPLY!!!

Seniors who are looking at applying to colleges/universities will need to fill out the FAFSA application for financial aid. Students are encouraged to apply early to ensure they have plenty of time to complete the process. Here are the steps:

1. Create a FSA ID by going to fsaid.ed.gov

- Parent and student will each create an ID
- Social Security Number is needed
- Don't forget your password! (write it down in a safe place to refer back to if needed)

2. APPLY by visiting fafsa.gov

-Start a new FAFSA (2018-2019). The "save key" will allow you to save your application and come back at a later time to continue working (another important password to save and remember).

- No need to pull out all your tax information. If you filed your 2016 taxes, the FAFSA has a "Tax Data Retrieval Tool" and with a push of a button your income tax information will be transferred directly and securely from the IRS to your FAFSA. Again 2016 taxes will be used for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Add schools your child is interested in receiving financial aid from. (It's good to discuss this with your student before; explore possibilities and their interests)
- Helpful **FAFSA Parenting Tips**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdaGZASwiZU>