

FINANCIAL AID 101

Applying for federal financial aid is very easy! It is based on parent tax information and it is FREE to apply. DO NOT pay to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), many companies charge for this, and you can do it yourself easily or attend a workshop at College Goal Sunday (see counseling website for details).

Step #1 is to apply for a FSAID at this website: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/> One parent and student will need a FSAID in order to sign the FAFSA electronically.

Step #2 is for parents to find and use “*previous-previous*” year’s taxes. For example, for the 2019-20 school year and FAFSA, parents will use their 2017 taxes. The FAFSA can be filled out any time after October 1 of the student’s senior year.

Step #3 – Fill out the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov

EVERYONE should apply for federal financial aid even if you think you will not qualify. Low interest student loans as well as work study (jobs on campus) allotments are awarded through the FAFSA.