

Financial Aid Information.

Financial Aid can be a tricky situation to navigate through. **Seniors can fill out the FAFSA as early as October 1st of their Senior Year.**

Below are a few helpful links:

**Step 1: Create a FSA ID.** This is a unique number that is assigned to a student and is used each year a student applies for Financial Aid.

[Creating an FSA ID # number](#) - the website to use to create an FSA ID # number to electronically sign your FAFSA.

- Note: If the student is still a dependent of the parent, *BOTH* the student AND the parent must have a PIN number to sign the FAFSA application.

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

**Step 2: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** - the financial aid application which covers scholarships, grants, student loans, parent loans, and work study.

- Note: Make sure you are using the correct link which should end in .gov. You should *NEVER* have to pay to fill out the FAFSA. If they are asking for compensation, you are using the incorrect website. FAFSA cannot be filled out until October 1st each year.

<https://studentaid.gov/>

## Additional Links

**Video Overview of Filling out the FAFSA** - (video length 4 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9HWaQpuNSk&t=100s>

**Video Overview of what happens after filling out the FAFSA** - (video length 3 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c1gNefSw78&t=5s>

**7 Tips to Avoid FAFSA Errors** - Great article by US News that helps your prevent making errors on the FAFSA.