

FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

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FAFSA – FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Families may complete the FAFSA, Free Application for Federal (and State) Student Aid, beginning on **October 1, 2022**. Last year the deadline for state aid was **April 15**, however early filing will allow families more time to receive and evaluate their financial aid package. Note that the tax information required for the FAFSA is for the year **2021**. To submit the FAFSA, go online to <https://studentaid.gov> . Remember to select the **2023-2024** FAFSA.

It is recommended that all students planning to further their education after high school file a FAFSA (regardless of family income). Circumstances could cause family income to change in a year, some scholarships require its completion, and student loans and work study are available by applying.

Prior to submitting the FAFSA, both the parent and senior student must have a FAFSA ID. This ID serves as an electronic signature for both. This can be done anytime at <https://studentaid.gov>. Students need to use a personal email address. There is also a mobile option available now.

FAFSA FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

Northeast Dubois High School will host a financial aid meeting to discuss the FAFSA and the financial aid process on Tuesday, **October 25**, beginning at 6:00 EST in the cafeteria. The Director of Financial Aid at Vincennes University will be the presenter. Seniors planning to attend a two-year, four-year, or technical school are encouraged to attend this meeting with a parent. The Dubois County Common Scholarship Application will also be discussed.

College Goal Sunday is an opportunity for parents to get free assistance with actually filing the FAFSA. It will be held on two different Sundays in November and February. Go to www.collegegoalsunday.org. Local site includes VUJC.

SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

Most colleges have scholarships available that often require separate applications. Communicate your financial situation with the financial aid offices that you have submitted an application for admission.

Visit free scholarship search websites such as www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com. These websites (and there are others out there like them) allow students to be more aggressive in their search for state, national, and private sector scholarships.

Apply for local opportunities. A packet of local and countywide scholarships will be compiled and distributed to interested seniors in English classes in early January. (Last year's packet can be viewed on the NDHS website HS Guidance Link.) The Dubois County Common Scholarship Application will be able to be used for many of these scholarships, making it easier to apply.

Twenty first Century Scholars are required to file FAFSA and complete the Scholar Success Program in order to qualify for this scholarship opportunity. If questions, go to www.scholars.in.gov or email ZCullum@che.in.gov

RESOURCES (to help understand college funding and estimated costs)

Indiana College Costs Estimator indianacollegecosts.org

College Navigator nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

Net Price Calculators collegecosts.ed.gov/net-price

