

# GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

This information is being provided to assist Fishers High School students and parents in their search for scholarships and financial aid.

Scholarships are usually based on student GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores, community involvement, and future field of study. The “stronger” the resume you have, the more scholarships you will be eligible for. Please keep in mind that scholarships are extremely competitive at all levels. It is suggested to apply for everything and anything for which you are eligible. You should put in the time and effort needed to make a superior application. This will sharpen the competitive edge you will need!

The internet has become a vital part of scholarship and financial aid searches. Throughout the “FHS Scholarship Guide” (available on the FHS website at <https://fhs.hseschools.org/academics/academic-advising/scholarships-and-financial-aid>) you will find references to various websites. If you do not have access to the internet at home and would like a copy of the scholarship information, please contact Guidance.

Be sure to continue to look for scholarships because the scholarship lists are updated frequently. New scholarship information is made available on Twitter @FishersGuidance, on Canvas, on the student announcements, on the FHS website, in Naviance at <https://fhs.hseschools.org/academics/academic-advising/college-and-career-readiness> and in the Scholarship files in the Guidance Office.

Please contact your guidance counselor for assistance during the school year. The phone number for Guidance is 317-915-4293. Please feel free to browse through the resources available in the Guidance Office during our regular office hours on Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

It is also important that you contact the colleges and universities where you intend to apply and request information for available scholarships. Typically, the smaller private colleges will offer more scholarships and financial aid to help offset their higher tuition rates.

Fastweb [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) is one of the largest and most complete sources of scholarships available. This website offers personalized scholarship matching with a database of over 1.5 million different scholarships worth over 3.4 billion dollars. These scholarships are offered by thousands of different institutions and organizations worldwide.

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, ensures that all eligible individuals can benefit from federally funded financial assistance for education beyond high school. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used by colleges, universities, and career schools to award federal student aid and most state and college aid. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is found online at [www.studentaid.gov/](http://www.studentaid.gov/).

Please remember, submitting the FAFSA is free. For more detailed information on how to fill out the FAFSA, visit [www.studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out](http://www.studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out).

The FAFSA can be filed as early as October 1<sup>st</sup>. The earlier submission date requires the previous year's income and tax information. For example, on the 2023-24 FAFSA, 2021 income and tax information will be reported, rather than 2022 income and tax information. Even if you feel you will not qualify for any federal aid, it is still a good idea to apply anyway. Many independent scholarships require a copy of the FAFSA to go along with the application.

PLEASE NOTE: TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY FINANCIAL AID FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA, THE FAFSA MUST BE COMPLETED AND RECEIVED BY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>.

Your source for FREE information on preparing for and funding education beyond high school is the U.S. Department of Education. Please be cautioned that other websites may charge a fee for this service.

## OTHER RESOURCES

Federal Student Aid Information Center: [www.studentaid.gov/help-center/contact](http://www.studentaid.gov/help-center/contact)

Additional Scholarship search site: [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

General Financial Aid questions: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

Online Scholarship Database: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Financial Aid Calculator: [www.finaid.org/calculators](http://www.finaid.org/calculators)

SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, Advanced Placement Program: [www.collegeboard.org/](http://www.collegeboard.org/)

ACT Test: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Student Loan Funding: [www.studentloanfunding.com](http://www.studentloanfunding.com)

Scholarship Search: [www.SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch](http://www.SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch)