FAFSA is open! Are you ready?

Remember, the FAFSA or the Opt-Out form is a graduation requirement!

Follow these guidelines to make sure you're ready to complete the FAFSA. Each heading is a link!

01 FSA ID Account Creation

Both student AND parent create a FSA ID. This is your digital signature. You cannot complete the FAFSA without it. www.studentaid.gov

02 Dependency Status

Determine your dependency status & if your parent(s) will be required to contribute information on your form

03 Which Parent on the form?

If you're a dependent student, use the "Who's My FAFSA Parent?" Wizard to identify which parent is the required contributor.

04 Non-Citizen

Non-Citizen's can complete the Alternative Application for IL Financial Aid. This allows qualifying undocumented students who are not eligible for federal grants to apply for MAP grants

05 FAFSA Form

You do not need to attend a workshop to complete this. **Student completes their form FIRST. Student invites the parent using the email used during FSA ID creation. Then parents complete.

06 FAFSA Workshops

Check the "What's Next" Calendar for upcoming workshops!

Opt-Out Form

Not applying for FAFSA? The Opt-Out form will be available December 1