

**Students that missed this meeting on October 22nd:
Please stop into the Counseling Office to pick up your packet!**

Class of 2026

FALL MEETING

FAFSA, StudentAid.gov Accounts, College Dollars & Scholarships



SENIOR INFORMATION FORM

Students - Please scan QR code or [click here](#) to fill out the online form.





WHAT'S NEXT?!

3 E's → Enrollment, Employment, Enlistment

Enrollment:

Postsecondary Education → What College or Trade School? / Major?

Employment:

Getting a Job after High School → Where? / Career?

Enlistment:

Military → What Branch? / Career?



FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Available **NOW**
- Complete the **2026-2027 FAFSA** Form
- **EVERYONE** must fill it out
 - Working
 - College
 - Trades
 - Military
- File between **NOW - March 1st**
 - Gives you enough time to make a decision on what school you want to attend
 - Some schools have this deadline
- **Tax information from 2024**

STUDENTAID.GOV ACCOUNT

Previously called your FSA ID



- You need to keep this information
- Use your own personal email not a parents
- *Click here* to access the StudentAid.gov website

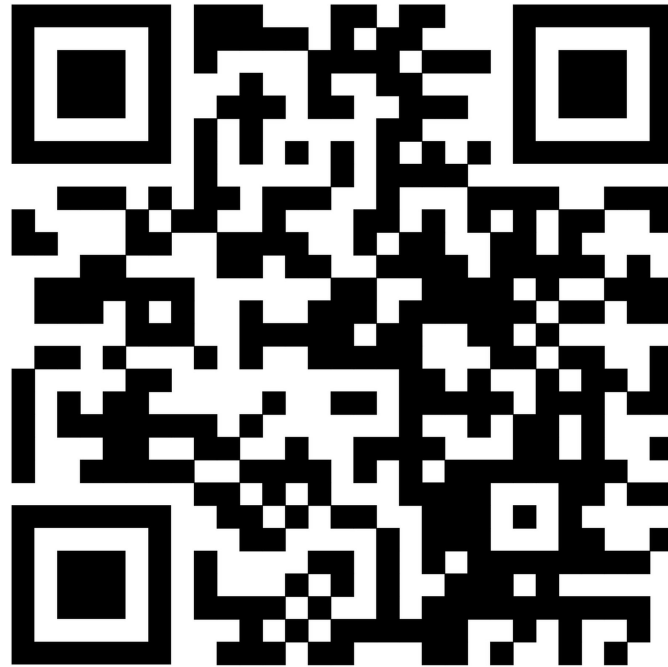
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View video instructions below



COLLEGE DOLLARS

Or [click here](#) for the College Dollars website



SCHOLARSHIPS

Ways to Find Scholarships

SCHOOL WEBSITE

- Look under the Financial Aid & Scholarships tab. A link & information was sent to seniors at the beginning of the year. We encourage students to look at our Scholarship List (Google Sheets document) periodically. There are also links to many other websites for you to find scholarships posted on our website. Click [here](#) to view the Scholarship List document.

DECATUR COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (DCCF) SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Opens January 1st** - The Counseling Office will come around to English classes to give more information closer to this date. These scholarships are completed online through the DCCF website and due by February 1st.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- **End of February** - The Counseling Office will meet with seniors again towards the end of February to discuss all Local Scholarships. These are typically due early to mid April. They will also be posted on the Scholarship List document (link above - highlighted).



SAVE THE DATE

FAFSA Work Session for Parents and Students

Thursday, November 20th @ 3:00-5:30 PM // H. S. Library

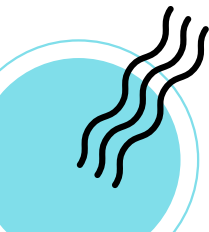
January & February

Work sessions during the school day to help students

Parents are always welcome to set up an appointment with their school counselor to complete the FAFSA form

FAFSA Completion / Financial Aid Review

Tuesday, April 7th @ 2-5:30 PM // H. S. Library



GOVERNOR'S WORK ETHIC CERTIFICATE

Eligible students have received a pink paper last week. Student need to return paper to the Counseling Office by **Nov 7th** to let us know if they are interested in the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate (GWEC).

There will be a scholarship opportunity for students that complete the GWEC later this year!

SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- P** PERSISTENT Student will demonstrate ability to persevere through challenges & problem solving.
- R** RESPECTFUL Student will demonstrate service to other, possess & convey a positive attitude, & communicate clearly.
- I** INTENSE Student will demonstrate successful progress in task completion, critical thinking, and a general curiosity for learning.
- M** MOTIVATED Student will demonstrate the ability to be a self-starter and convey a strong work ethic.
- E** EFFICIENT Student will demonstrate readiness, reliability, responsibility, and consistency.
- D** DEPENDABLE Student will demonstrate organization skills, punctuality, and self-management.

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- GRADE POINT AVERAGE** Student demonstrates academic readiness by possessing a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher and is on track to meet all graduation requirements.
- ATTENDANCE** Student's attendance rate is 98% or higher and has four or fewer sign-ins, sign-outs, or times tardy to school.
- DISCIPLINE** Student has one or fewer discipline referrals during the eligible school year.
- SERVICE** Student completes a minimum of six hours of community service or volunteerism during the eligible school year.

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Thank You!