

**CRLS School Council Meeting
April 24, 2018**

UAspire – College Affordability Advice at CRLS

Financial aid resource

Free service T-Friday 8-3:30 in Career & College Resource Center

Details of the process

- In the fall, students and family meet with UAspire. ~ 10/1
- UAspire helps with understanding the forms and deadlines and understanding awards when they come in.
- Fafsa Form – Federal form
- CSS Profile – costs money to fill this out. Private schools that will give out financial aid.
- Financial aid award comes a week after acceptance letter.
- May 1st is national deposit deadline to hold spot.

Types of money

Grants and scholarships: does not have to be paid back

Loans: has to be paid back

Work study: money that kids earn at school can be applied to tuition or used for other expenses.

CRLS portal for scholarships (local scholarships are good since they are easier to get than national awards)

Other:

Important to establish a financial safety school – schools you can afford to go to

UAspire can help you to find private schools that have money to give away

CEOC: A resource for post secondary financial aid planning support.

CSV does tutoring to help people through the entire college application process.

RSTA programs for affording continuing education

AtoB: a program in which you start at a community college and then transfer to a four year school. Must maintain a B or better GPA.

Certificate program: many companies offer tuition reimbursement. IBM, Google and others offer this. Pharmacy tech, medical interpreter, technician, etc. They get a certificate, start working, and then pursue higher education.

Articulation agreements. You apply HS credits to voc/tech since CRLS kids know so much. List of schools on CRLS site./