FINANCIAL AID

Use Scholarship Money First

Local Scholarships: Posted on senior class email, in guidance office, and guidance website

University Scholarships: Listed on the individual college websites. Check out the academic scholarship tiers some colleges offer based on your GPA and ACT scores. WATCH DEADLINES!

National Scholarships: Top sites include Fastweb, Big Future, College Board, Scholarship Monkey, Niche, Unigo, Cappex, and Scholly

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Fill out the FAFSA form online at **studentaid.gov.** The form opens October 1st. Don't miss FAFSA deadlines for your college.

This form will be processed by the federal government and the information will be sent to your requested colleges. Their financial aid department will send you an award letter of what type of financial aide you will be offered.

The following help can be received through the FAFSA form:

Grants – Money does not need to be paid back

Loans- Borrowed money that will need to be paid back after college completion or the student drops below full-time status.

Work Study – Student employment that will help pay for college expenses.

****Be sure to estimate your monthly repayment schedule if you decide to borrow money. Use a student loan calculator through finaid.org. It is suggested students not borrow more money then what they will likely make in their first years income of their desired career choice.***

Check your financial options and compare the 4 year University, Regional Campus, and Community College cost.