



Dear Senior Parents/Guardians,

Under a new law recently enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly, beginning with the 2026-27 school year, high school students enrolled in Pennsylvania public and non-public schools **must file** the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA®\)](#) with the U.S. Department of Education **or submit** the [Pennsylvania FAFSA Completion Opt-Out Form](#) to the Lenape Technical School Guidance Office before completing high school. ([24 P.S. § 16-1617](#))

The FAFSA is a no-cost form that U.S. students must complete to be eligible for all federal financial aid that students can use to help pay for college, career schools, or training programs after high school.

The FAFSA is used by:

- The U.S. Department of Education to determine a student's eligibility for certain federal grants, loans, work study programs and scholarships;
- The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to award the PA State Grant and other types of aid specifically for Pennsylvania students; and
- Colleges and career schools to determine a student's eligibility for institutional aid and to develop financial aid packages for students interested in attending their schools.

Filing a FAFSA does not obligate a student to accept financial aid or enroll in any post-secondary education or training program. Choosing not to file the FAFSA while in high school also does not prevent a student from completing the FAFSA in the future. Applying for financial aid is an annual process. Additionally, students who have submitted a completed Opt-Out Form to Lenape Technical School may change their decision at any time during the school year and still submit the FAFSA.

YOUR OPTIONS:

1. **Complete the 2027-28 FAFSA** – This is free and determines eligibility for federal, state, and institutional financial aid.
2. **Submit the Opt-Out Form** – A parent/guardian (or the student if 18+ or emancipated) can complete and return the Opt-Out Form to the Lenape Tech Guidance Office. No reason is required.

IMPORTANT: This is not a graduation requirement. You will not be prevented from graduating or penalized for not completing the FAFSA.

HOW TO PROCEED:

- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Opt-Out Form: [PA FAFSA Requirement Opt-Out Form](#)
 - Submit to Lenape Tech Guidance Office

Please contact the Lenape Tech Guidance Office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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