



MOON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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New Pennsylvania FAFSA Requirement

Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, Pennsylvania law requires all high school students to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before graduation or submit a FAFSA Completion Opt-Out Form. The initiative aims to ensure all students know about financial aid that can make college, technical training, apprenticeships, and other postsecondary pathways more affordable. More information is on the [PA FAFSA website](#).

- Students will not be denied graduation for not completing the FAFSA or an opt-out form.
- Students and families may opt out by submitting the [Opt-Out form](#) to the high school counseling office.
- Completing the FAFSA does not require a student to attend college or accept financial aid.
- The FAFSA must be completed each year a student wants to be considered for aid.

To prepare for the workshop:

- **StudentAid.gov accounts:** Students and parents should create their [StudentAid.gov account](#) in advance. Parents without a Social Security number can still create one. Parents with a previously used account should log in, as they may need to update their password. We cannot start the FAFSA process if your account has not been verified.
- **Bring your student:** Parents are encouraged to bring their student applicant. The student must complete and sign the student section using their own FSA ID. If the student cannot attend, we can complete most of the application but cannot fully submit it at the workshop.
- **Contributors:** To determine which parent(s) must contribute information, see:
 - [Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA form? \(Help Tool\)](#)
 - [Who is my contributor on the FAFSA form?](#)
 - [Why do my contributors and I need our own StudentAid.gov accounts?](#)
- **Two-step verification:** Students and parents need access to text messages and personal email. Each FSA ID login sends a one-time code by email, text, or authenticator app.
- **Documents:** Review the [FAFSA Pro Tips](#) for the list of needed documents. Electronic copies you can access during the workshop are fine; there is no need to print them.
- **Benefits:** Review the [Benefits of the FAFSA form](#).

Planning for life after graduation starts with understanding your options. We invite families to explore these financial aid resources as part of college and career planning. The right information can make college, trade school, and other postsecondary paths more affordable and within reach.

Additional information and state resources are available through the Pennsylvania Department of Education FAFSA Requirement website.