

Financial Aid Tips and Timeline for Seniors and their Parents

- The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) is required to be completed by ALL students who want help paying for college. Use this [FAFSA Checklist](#) document to help you be better prepared
- Create a [FSA ID](#) (Federal Student Aid Account username and password) for yourself and your [FAFSA contributors](#) NOW so that you're ready to complete your form online when it's available. This [FSA Guide](#) is a helpful resource to use
- [FAFSA](#) will be available online beginning December 31, 2023 and the **ON TIME** priority deadline for state of Michigan scholarship consideration is May 1 for the 2023-2024 academic year. **Make sure you check the status of your FAFSA often after it's started, NO activity for 45 days and it will be deleted from the system requiring you to start over from the beginning!**
- Check out the Class of [2024 Google Classroom](#) and guidance Office website for additional scholarship information and applications at: [Guidance Office Scholarships](#)
- Follow-up when a college requests additional information from you and make sure to check your email regularly. Financial Aid Award Letters from the schools you list on your FAFSA will be sent to you beginning in late February and early March
- Keep copies of all documents for your own records
- **Don't be afraid to ask questions!** Call the college financial aid office or SHS guidance office staff for help if needed!