



## High School

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Hello senior parents & guardians,

If your student is going to college next year, an important step in the process begins **TODAY**, October 1. The first step of the financial aid process is to file the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA is required for any type of federal financial aid and many types of state and college aid. The FAFSA determines a student's eligibility for Federal Pell Grants and guarantees every student an opportunity for federal student loans. *It is recommended that every student file the FAFSA form.*

The FAFSA form became available on October 1st -- which means **you can file the FAFSA now!** Please keep in mind that many college financial aid programs are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis until funds are exhausted.

### BEFORE you apply:

- Visit [here](#) to set up an FSA ID username & password for the student. One parent also needs an FSA ID username & password.  
*Click [here](#) if you need help doing this.*
- Gather these [documents & information](#) for the student & the parents to use when you apply.  
*This year, senior families will use **2021 taxes to file the FAFSA for the 2023-24 school year.**  
The FAFSA is solely based off 2021 taxes, so you won't have to update the FAFSA with 2022 taxes.*
- Check the financial aid [priority date at schools](#) to which you your student will apply.  
*Every college or university has their own deadline for the FAFSA--some are as early as December 1<sup>st</sup>.*

### HOW to apply:

- Visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to complete the online application.
- Fill out the FAFSA every year you want to be considered for aid.

### NEED HELP?

- Visit "FAFSA Night" at Tarkio Tech (this is a FREE event):  

WHEN:	Tuesday, October 11 or Tuesday, October 25
TIME:	6:00-8:00pm (this is a "come & go" event)
WHERE:	Tarkio Tech, Thompson Learning Center, 404 N. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, Tarkio, MO
PLEASE REGISTER:	call 660.623.9071 or email: <a href="mailto:info@tarkiotech.com">info@tarkiotech.com</a>
BRING:	a personal laptop (if you have one) & these <a href="#">documents &amp; information</a>
- Visit a [FAFSA Ready Iowa event](#). This is FREE help in filling out and submitting the FAFSA.
- Contact [ICAN](#). ICAN offers free resources for college planning and financial aid.  
*Visit their website [www.ICANSucceed.org/apt](http://www.ICANSucceed.org/apt) to schedule a virtual Zoom appointment, or call their toll-free number, 877-272-4692, to talk to an advisor. A one-on-one FAFSA appointment is free of charge and takes 45 minutes. The closest ICAN office is at the Council Bluffs Iowa Western campus.*

Stay on top of the process and **file your FAFSA as soon as possible!** Please contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely,

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