

Dear Parents,

Did you know that nearly \$8 out of every \$10 in student financial assistance requires the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? The FAFSA is the first critical step in applying for financial assistance yet, so many students and families are unaware of the financial assistance options available to them, how to apply and the steps required for financial success.

You can help your college-bound seniors by encouraging their attendance and joining them at an upcoming College Goal FAFSA event!

[Your HS/Institution Name] is hosting a College Goal FAFSA workshop with staff and trained volunteers who will work with families to help students complete a FAFSA. This FAFSA completion event will help your senior to find money for their college dreams. Visit <https://collegegoal.az.gov/high-school-fafsa-workshops> for more details.

If you are unable to complete a FAFSA at your high school, get **FREE** help at College Goal FAFSA community events. Visit <https://collegegoal.az.gov/fafsa-workshop-events> to find a workshop near you. During these statewide FAFSA high school and community workshops, seniors and their families will receive free help from over 200 higher education professionals and community members to complete the online FAFSA form and get help with other financial aid related questions.

Filing the FAFSA early at College Goal FAFSA benefits your child in more ways than one:

- ✓ Scholarships or grant awards may only be available on a first come, first serve basis. Applying early can increase their chances of being awarded maximum funding.
- ✓ Eligible students usually have their financial aid file complete and awards in place prior to the start of the fall semester.
- ✓ If your student hasn't decided where they will be attending school, the FAFSA results can be sent to multiple schools. Communicating with these schools after they receive the FAFSA may help your student in making a decision.

In order to complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA, you and your student will need:

- Student's Social Security Number
- Parent's Social Security Number, if your student is a [dependent](#).
- Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- An FSA ID to sign electronically. If you do not already have one, visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov> to obtain one. For additional information on the new FSA ID visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>.
- 2016 records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and Veteran's non-education benefits.

- Current information on cash, savings and checking account balances, investments including stocks and bonds and real estate but not including the home in which you live, and business and farm assets.
- If you did not file taxes, you will also need your 2016 W-2s, and other records of money earned. If you filed your 2016 taxes, you may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Locations and details can be found online at [www.collegegoal.az.gov/college-goal-fafsa](http://www.collegegoal.az.gov/college-goal-fafsa). To access other helpful financial aid information and resources please visit <https://collegegoal.az.gov>.

For questions or other information you may contact the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education by phone at (602) 258-2435 or by email at [acpe@azhighered.gov](mailto:acpe@azhighered.gov).

Be sure and follow Arizona's College Goal FAFSA on Facebook/CollegeGoalArizona and on Twitter @CollegeGoalAZ for updates and information!