

FAFSA LETTER TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

[Insert Date]

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of [Senior's Name],

Senior year of high school is an exciting, busy time for both you and your student. We hope, in the months ahead, that you are able to make wonderful memories of this special time before your student heads off to college.

This may also be a time when you begin to have serious conversations about college costs, or how to secure financial aid for college. Although it may seem stressful or confusing, having these conversations and taking action early can simplify the process for your family.

With that in mind, we encourage you to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as you are able after the October 1st release date. The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for a variety of aid: federal, state, and school-based, as well as grants and scholarships.

The sooner the FAFSA is completed, the sooner you and your student can make informed college choices...and get back to enjoying all the memory-making moments still in store.

Beginning October 1, visit [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to begin the FAFSA application for the following academic year. For more information on the FAFSA and financial aid, download [Great Advice for Parents](#).

Also, FAFSA help is available! Check with your high school counselor, college financial aid office, or visit [Form Your Future](#) to find FAFSA completion events for your state.