

Dear Senior Parent(s),

As your son or daughter approaches graduation and decisions must be made regarding post-secondary plans, it is time for a gentle reminder of an important issue regarding college. It is hard to believe that your son or daughter is so close to his or her goal of graduating. It is certainly an exciting time, as well as a time of anxiety for many of our students and their families. Our goal is to ensure that both you and your child are ready for the journey ahead.

Seniors going to college/university must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Colleges/Universities use this form to determine any financial aid students may receive, including grants, scholarships, loans, and work study programs. Students and their parents are under no obligation to accept any federal aid should they choose against it; however, many colleges/universities require the FAFSA before institutional aid will be allotted.

I am available to assist your son or daughter in completing his or her part of the FAFSA. Prepare yourself by obtaining an FSA ID required to file your FAFSA application online. An FSA ID is required of both the applicant and parent and serves as your electronic signature. Visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> to obtain your FSA ID today!

Transitioning from high school to the world beyond can evoke a great sense of fear for both children and parents. Communicate with each other, and do not be afraid to reach out for help. Countless programs have been created to ensure that your children have the opportunity for educational success. Whether your child is looking toward college, the military, or directly entering the job force, it is crucial that you stay abreast of the many options offered to your child. And remember, we are here to help you along the way.

Sincerely,

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