# FAFSA first!

# FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- 💢 It is the ONLY way to apply for federal student aid
- Largest provider of student financial aid in the nation
- \$150 billion offered annually to help millions of students pay for college or career school



As of October 1, FAFSA is available to be submitted for the next school year.

 Many states and colleges use information from FAFSA to determine what financial aid packages they award students, in addition to federal aid

Apply ASAP some financial aid money is awarded on a first-come. first-served basis





Start

## **GRANTS:**

free money that doesn't have to be repaid



gives you the opportunity to earn money to help pay for your education



money that needs to be repaid with interest

Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov





Students and parents each need to create FSA IDs before starting their FAFSA



Good news! Last year's tax returns can now be used to complete the FAFSA - no guessing required



After the FAFSA is submitted, review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for any needed changes

Your award letter will explain what financial aid a



This can also include state and institutional aid



 If you list multiple schools as options in your FAFSA, you may receive multiple award letters

Compare and decide which school works **BEST FOR YOU!** 



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