

FAFSA Frenzies

January 6 – 10am -2pm –
Central High School Cafeteria

January 20 – 10am-2pm –
Science & Technology High
School Cafeteria

January 27 – 10am – 2pm –
High School of Commerce
Cafeteria

February 10 – 10am – 1:15pm –
Putnam Vocational High
School, Room D201.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Regular decision deadline for many schools/colleges falls between January 1 – January 15. Be sure your senior is taking care of business and staying abreast on school happenings, scholarships, and financial aid deadlines. With a new year comes new resolutions and a resolution you and your senior can keep is completing the FAFSA to get free money for college. Here are some FAFSA facts and myths to pay attention to:



ROLE BASED FAFSA

The new FAFSA is a role-based form. Students will need to invite their parent/guardian to complete their portion of the form. If you are separated, divorced, or remarried, for purposes of the FAFSA your student needs to invite the parent that provides them with most financial support to complete their FAFSA. **They will need to know your email, social security number, and date of birth.** Your student will need this information to invite you to their FAFSA.



FAFSA FACTS

- The FAFSA is an important indicator of student's being able to enroll in college or trade school and graduate.
- It stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- The 2024-2025 FAFSA is the application high school seniors must complete this year.
- Both federal and state governments use the information on the FAFSA to determine what aid high school seniors are eligible to receive.
- In 2022, \$3.6 billion in college aid money goes unclaimed.
- \$4,875 is the average Pell Grant Massachusetts students received. This is free money that doesn't have to be paid back.
- \$48,438,897 million is the total Pell Grant dollars that Massachusetts high school seniors left unclaimed last year.
- Applying for FAFSA is FREE. Do not pay anyone to help you complete the form. Simply make an appointment to meet with a Springfield Promise Financial Advisor at your student's school. REMEMBER! You're trying to get free money not giving away free money.

IMPORTANT LINKS

FSA ID Creation: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

FAFSA Form:
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FAFSA Frenzy Registration:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44ACAB2AA6FD0-46798869-fafsa>



Scan to register

FAFSA MYTHS

My family earns too much money to be eligible for aid.

Even if your student doesn't qualify for need-based aid, by completing the FAFSA, they will also qualify for other financial aid such as work-study, federal student loans, university scholarships, and local and national scholarships.

My student is 18. I don't need to provide them with my financial information nor sign their FAFSA form.

Even if they are 18, they are still considered a dependent meaning they will still need to provide parent information and parent signature. They are independent for FAFSA at age 24.

It doesn't matter which FAFSA form I complete as long as I complete one.

High school seniors must complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA form for fall 2024 college enrollment. The quickest, official, and most reliable website to use to complete the form is <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

I didn't work nor file taxes last year, therefore my student can't complete the FAFSA form.

The FAFSA uses 2022 federal tax information. Whether or not you worked or filed taxes in 2022, you must complete your section of the form and give FSA permission to access your filing or non-filing tax information.

I am trying to build my credit, so I can't help my student with the FAFSA.

Filing out your section of the FAFSA does not affect your credit score. So, there is no need to worry about your credit.

It doesn't matter when you submit the FAFSA.

We encourage you and your senior to complete your section of the FAFSA now so your student can get all aid to which they are entitled. Sign up for a FAFSA Frenzy to easily complete the form and get professional assistance. Don't forget to create your FSA ID and bring your documents.