

Need money 4 college?



Chances are you are eligible to receive money for college that you do not have to repay! The first step in becoming eligible for college financial aid is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid - the FAFSA. This form is your application for federal state grants, plus some college and private scholarships.

At your school's FAFSA Day, Get2College counselors and college representatives will provide you and your parents with FREE one-on-one assistance submitting the FAFSA and the grant application for funds from the State of Mississippi,

But to participate in FAFSA Day, you **MUST sign up for a 30-minute appointment.**

SIGN UP NOW FOR FAFSA DAY!

Hazlehurst High School

January 23: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Contact Ms. Anna Richardson at 601-894-3780
to schedule your appointment.

FAFSA DAY

APPOINTMENT REMINDER



You are scheduled to meet with a counselor to complete financial aid forms for college on: _____ at _____.

Date Time

In order to complete the FAFSA, you will need to bring information for the parent(s) and the student. If your parents are divorced or separated, bring the information below for the parent you have lived with the most in the last 12 months. If that parent has remarried, bring information for the step-parent as well. Do not bring information on a grandparent, aunt, or anyone other than a parent unless you have been legally adopted (even if someone else claims you on the federal tax return.)

Checklist for what to bring to your FAFSA appointment:

- Parent(s) and student's legal names
- Parent(s) and student's Social Security numbers
- Parent(s) and student's dates of birth
- Parent's driver's license numbers
- Email address for student and parent
- Student's ACT ID number (log into ACT account and find ID number under "Manage My Profile")
- Info for parents with whom you live: marriage date, divorce date, or separation date
- If you are in a legal guardianship, bring court papers for the guardianship.
- W-2 forms and other records of money earned in 2015 (student and parents)
- 2015 Federal Income Tax Return (the 1040 form for student and parents) - If your parents or parent and step-parent file separately, bring copies of both tax returns.
- Value of bank accounts and investments

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE FAFSA?

1. **Think you don't qualify for money? Think the FAFSA only awards Pell Grants and that you don't qualify or that your family makes too much money to qualify?**

File the FAFSA anyway! You may be surprised to see what you may be eligible to receive! The FAFSA is used by colleges to determine your eligibility for more than the Pell Grant – the FAFSA is required for some other federal monies, funds from the State of Mississippi, some colleges, and some private scholarship sources.

2. **Think the FAFSA means you must take out a student loan?**

You are NEVER required to take out a student loan! Even if your college award says you are eligible for a loan, it is your choice whether to accept all or any part of it.

3. **Think the FAFSA includes a credit check?**

The FAFSA does not check your or your parents' credit.

4. **Think filing the FAFSA means the IRS will review your tax returns?**

The FAFSA uses your tax information to help colleges determine your eligibility for financial aid. The FAFSA is a document of the U.S. Department of Education, not the Internal Revenue Service.