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FAFSA/FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF SENIORS

Dear Parents and Guardians of Seniors,

Greetings from the ZHS Counseling Office! Below you will find important information regarding financial aid for your current senior. If your student is considering *any* type of postsecondary education or training, now is the time to begin the financial aid process. Please contact us with any questions!

1. 2025-2026 FAFSA

- Filling out the FAFSA is step 1! This makes your student eligible for federal money toward college and is required for state aid as well as aid from individual colleges/training programs.
- **First, student and parent each create Federal Student Aid accounts [here](#) →**
 - See [this chart](#) to determine who is considered the “parent”
 - Student FSA ID : _____ Password: _____
 - Parent FSA ID: _____ Password: _____
 - You will receive an email when ID is verified (1-2 days).
- Then, gather the following paperwork:
 - ☐ 2023 tax return
 - ☐ Parents’ social security numbers
 - ☐ Records of child support payments
 - ☐ Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
 - ☐ Net worth of investments, businesses, and farm(s)
- **Finally, student and parent start filling out the FAFSA [here](#) →**
 - Need help? Call 1-800-433-3243



2. SCHOLARSHIPS and STATE FINANCIAL AID

- [State of Michigan Financial Aid Overview](#) (for students attending college in Michigan)
 - [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#)
 - [Community College Guarantee](#)
- [Community Foundation of the Holland Zeeland Area](#) →
 - Begin applying **Dec. 1** for many local scholarships
 - Applications due February 1!
- [ZHS Counseling Office website](#) →
 - Other local scholarships will be posted [here](#)
- National scholarship search engines
 - www.goingmerry.com
 - www.scholarships.com
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.com
 - www.fastweb.com

