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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.	2026-2027 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.			间为数据间
	 First, student creates a StudentAid.gov account <u>here</u> → 			F
	0	Student Username :	Password:	
	 Student and parent should gather the following information: 			
		2024 tax return		

Student starts the FAFSA <u>here</u> ("Start New Form") →

☐ Net worth of investments, businesses, and farm(s)

- Student "Invites a Parent as a Contributor"

Records of child support payments

See <u>this chart</u> to determine who is considered the "parent"

Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts

- Enter parent's email address and "send invite."
- Parent creates a StudentAid.gov account if do not already have one
- Student finalizes FAFSA and parent completes "contributor" information
- Student receives FAFSA Submission Summary
- Need help? Call 1-800-433-3243

2. SCHOLARSHIPS and STATE FINANCIAL AID

- State of Michigan Scholarship and Grant Programs
 - o Michigan Achievement Scholarship
 - Community College Guarantee
- Community Foundation of the Holland Zeeland Area →
 - o Begin applying **Dec. 1** for many local scholarships
 - Applications due February 1!



- ZHS Counseling Office website →
 - o Other local scholarships will be posted here
- National scholarship search engines
 - www.goingmerry.com
 - www.scholarships.com



- o www.biafuture.collegeboard.com
- www.fastweb.com