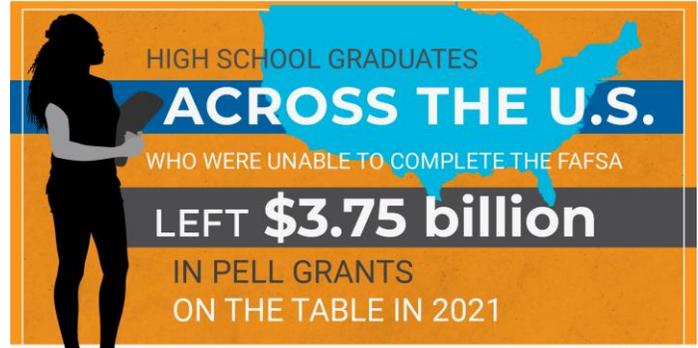




Northwestern High School

Counseling Newsletter— *Paying for College*

Scholarship Page



4 TIPS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ **Fill out the FAFSA**
Receive federal grants, work-study opportunities, student loans and some state and school based aid
- ❑ **Search for Scholarships**
Find free money related to your hobbies and interests, civic involvement, immediate family member's military status, race or ethnicity, location, and your work history
- ❑ **Choose an affordable school**
Ask colleges about their scholarships and aid given to students. Also, transferring from a 2 Year to 4 Year schools can be very cost effective if you stay in-state
- ❑ **Federal Loans**
Given through the FAFSA, federal loans come with benefits like Income based repayment plans and loan forgiveness

FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid Application opens in December!!

- ✓ SENIORS!!! Complete the FAFSA application to qualify for grants and scholarships from the government
- ✓ Students who don't complete the FAFSA leave behind billions of dollars in unclaimed federal Pell Grant Money
- ✓ Parents—You will use your prior-prior tax year information to fill out your part of the FAFSA
- ✓ It's *free to apply* and the earlier you apply the more money available. Submit your FAFSA application by 03/01/2025 for greatest consideration
- ✓ **Need help? Call the FAFSA help hotline at 800-433-3243**
- ✓ <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

Check out these **scholarship** search engines:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.hsf.net
- www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx

Remember:
Never pay to join a scholarship site

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❑ **Merit Based Scholarships**
- ❑ Awarded to students with academic excellence, athletic, or artistic achievements
- ❑ Apply to colleges early deadlines as most schools will also review each application to award school scholarships
- ❑ Check out more: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/merit-based>

Life (4 Yr)	Life (2 YR)	Hope (4 YR)	Palmetto Fellows	Lottery Tuition Assistance
\$5,000 per year	Up to \$5000 + \$300 for books	\$2,500 + \$300 for books	\$6,700 for the first year, \$7,500	Portion of tuition
<u>Two out of Three:</u> -3.0 Final GPA -1100 SAT or 24 ACT -Final Rank in top 30%	3.0 Final GPA	3.0 Final GPA—can graduate into the Life for following year	1200 SAT or 25 ACT PLUS 3.5 GPA, PLUS Top 6% rank in 10, 11, or 12 th OR 1400 SAT or 31 ACT plus 4.0	SC Resident and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours