



# Northwestern High School

## Counseling Department Newsletter

### October 2021—*Paying for College*

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**REMINDER** FAFSA available October 1

# FAFSA

#### 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 10/1/2021

- ✓ 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 03/01/2022 for greatest consideration
- ✓ **Need help? Call the FAFSA help hotline at 800-433-3243**
- ✓ <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

#### Check out these **scholarship** search engines:

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)
- [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx](http://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx)

**Remember:**  
Never pay to join a scholarship site

#### South Carolina IN-STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

All are renewable if you keep a 3.0 College GPA and take 30 credit hours each year

#### 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
<b>\$5,000</b> per year	Up to <b>\$5000</b> + \$300 for books	<b>\$2,500</b> + \$300 for books	<b>\$6,700</b> for the first year, <b>\$7,500</b>	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 27 ACT <b>PLUS</b> 3.5 GPA, <b>PLUS</b> Top 6% rank in 10, 11, or 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>OR</b> 1400 SAT or 32 ACT <b>plus</b> 4.0	SC Resident and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours