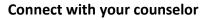


# Northwestern High School

Counseling Department Newsletter October 2022—*Paying for College* 





# **REMINDER** FAFSA available October 1



### <u>4 TIPS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE</u>

 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 10/1/2022**

- ✓ 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 <u>free to apply</u> and the earlier you apply the more money available. Submit your FAFSA application by 03/01/2023 for greatest consideration
- ✓ Need help? Call the FAFSA help hotline at 800-433-3243
- <u>https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</u>

#### Check out these scholarship search engines:

<u>www.fastweb.com</u> www.scholarships.com www.hsf.net Remember: Never pay to join a scholarship site

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx

	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	Life (4 Yr)	Life (2 YR)	Hope (4 YR)	Palmetto Fellows	Lottery Tuition Assistance
<ul> <li>excellence, athletic, or artistic achievements</li> <li>Apply to colleges early deadlines as most schools will also review each application to award school scholarships</li> <li>Check out more: <u>https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/mer</u></li> </ul>	<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
	Two out of Three: -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 <u>PLUS</u> 3.5 GPA, <u>PLUS</u> Top 6% rank in 10, 11, or 12 <sup>th</sup> <u>OR</u> 1400 SAT or 31 ACT plus 4.0	SC Resident and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours