



Northwestern High School

Counseling Department Newsletter
October 2022—Paying for College

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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 10/1/2022

- ✓ 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 free to apply 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**
- ✓ <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

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 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
\$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 <u>PLUS</u> 3.5 GPA, <u>PLUS</u> Top 6% rank in 10, 11, or 12 th <u>OR</u> 1400 SAT or 31 ACT <u>plus</u> 4.0	SC Resident and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours