

Financial Aid Checklist

Oct. 1 – March of Senior Year	Begin the Process (October 1)	Beginning Oct. 1 you can apply for financial aid by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov . <i>Priority is given to those who file by March 1st-April 15th for the Fall semester(depending on school). Filing after May 1st may cause delay in processing .</i>
	Have your FSA ID(s) ready.	Student and parent (if student is dependent) need a personal FSA ID from the Department of Education to sign their electronic application. To request or re-request a FSA ID go to https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm
	Assemble the information you will need to complete the FAFSA	You and your parents will need the following : <i>social security number, current bank and brokerage statements, driver's license (if any), mortgage and investment records, alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen), 2016 tax returns (you can use estimates), 2016 untaxed income records, 2016 W2 and 1099 forms, parents 2016 income tax return (if dependent), you PIN number.</i>
	Submit your completed application	Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov , complete and submit your FAFSA application electronically. Remember your financial aid application will not be processed until you are accepted into an eligible school or program.
	Review your Student Aid Report (SAR).	The results of your financial aid application are sent to your home address or email and electronically to the school(s) you selected on the FAFSA application. When you receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Department of Education read it carefully. If your SAR is rejected or corrections are necessary, follow the instructions for making corrections.
	Complete any additional forms requested	Once the financial aid office(s) at your school(s) receive your application they may mail you a letter listing additional documentation they may need. Make sure you complete all of the required forms and submit all requested information. Financial aid applications will not be processed if the information is not returned.
	Review your Financial Aid award letter	Your award letter will indicate the financial aid you are eligible for. You do not have to accept all of the aid you are offered. Carefully review the requirements for loans and your individual needs to determine the aid you would like to accept/decline.
	Go to www.studentloans.gov to complete the required steps for accepting your financial aid.	Follow the directions you receive from your college of choice and on your award letter to accept your financial aid (loans and grants). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have not received a prior Stafford loan, you must complete the Entrance Loan Counseling step. Follow the instructions on your financial aid award letter, and go to www.studentloans.gov. Sign in using your PIN to complete this step. • At www.studentloans.gov you will also be able complete the required promissory note(s) required by the loan(s) you accept.
	If you need to use student loans don't forget to apply for a MPSD School Board Loan	SYLVIA DUNHAM WEST LOANS: For graduates of LHS, the maximum educational loan is \$2,000 per school year with the possibility of additional loans upon application to a maximum of five years or \$8,000 for four-year schools and \$4,000 for 2-year technical schools). Loans are due and payable within 10 years of receipt of the first loan. Students will not be charged interest while actively pursuing full-time study at an accredited school of higher education. Interest rates will be adjusted annually during periods when a student is enrolled less than full-time or following termination or graduation from post-secondary school. Interest rates are approximately ½% less than the Federal Stafford Loan rates. A ninety day deferment on interest charges will be given upon graduation. Apply on BOARD OF EDUCATION LOAN FORM, which is available in the Guidance office.

College Goal Wisconsin: www.collegegoalwi.org for specific dates and times

This is a national event that provides free information and assistance to families who are filling out the FAFSA.

Changes for the 2018–19 FAFSA® Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, we also will change the requirements for reporting income information. Currently, FAFSA applicants are required to provide income information from the prior year.. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, applicants will be required to provide "prior-prior" year income information. This means that the 2018–19 FAFSA will collect 2016 income information.