



Paying for college is a daunting task, but the following steps can help to make the process less intimidating.

### Step 1. Determining which form to file

Call **today** the financial aid office of every college you plan on attending or check online to determine what financial aid forms are required. All colleges will require the completion of the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to be considered for federal student aid. In addition, some colleges will request the completion of the College Scholarship Service's Financial Aid PROFILE, institutional aid forms or other supplemental forms to be considered for collegiate aid. Check the filing deadlines for each school you apply; late filers may lose eligibility for many scholarships and collegiate aid. **Do not miss deadlines!**

### Step 2. Completion of PROFILE

If your school requires the **PROFILE**, complete it online now to avoid missing deadlines at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). There is a fee for filing.

### Step 3. Institutional Aid Forms or Supplemental Forms

Check with the financial aid office on filing procedures for all institutional aid forms and any other supplemental forms necessary for awarding financial aid. **Do not miss deadlines!**

### Step 4. Completion of the FAFSA

The FAFSA cannot be completed until after January 1st. If you do not file taxes, you can file the FAFSA after January 1st with no delay. Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible, since financial aid funds are limited at each school. **Many schools operate on a first come, first served basis.** There is no filing fee for completing the FAFSA, if the website you are on requests payment, cancel and go to the Federal site [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This year the FAFSA is able to link with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to retrieve tax data for easier and more accurate FAFSA completion. In order to receive the best financial aid award package and to save valuable time, it has been suggested that parents and students utilize the IRS Data Match Retrieval tool. You will need students and parents 2011 income tax returns completed and sent to the IRS. To speed this process and avoid delays, it has been suggested that tax returns be sent electronically. It takes the IRS 1-2 weeks to process electronic tax returns, and 6-8 weeks for paper tax returns. Please note: the IRS Data Match Retrieval tool is not available until February 1st. If the financial aid priority deadline is February 15th or March first, like most local colleges, you need to send tax returns electronically the first of February and then do the FAFSA on Feb 14th to meet the deadline. By using the IRS Data Match Retrieval tool, the chances of being selected for verification is greatly reduced, thus maximizing the ability to receive the most financial aid available. By not using the tool, the chances are high that you will be selected for verification, thus delaying your financial aid package and possibly losing the chance for extra aid. Tip: The name and address must match exactly on the tax return and FAFSA for the IRS Data Retrieval tool to work.

### File for a Personal Identification Number (PIN)

In order to complete the FAFSA, **one parent and the student** will need to order a PIN number. Go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and follow the instructions. Do not lose this number—you will need this to make changes to your application and to file the FAFSA next year. Many schools use the PIN number for other financial aid transactions.

### Complete the FAFSA Worksheet

FAFSA worksheets can be downloaded at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/worksheet>. You will need the following to complete the worksheet/FAFSA: 2011 completed 1040 income tax return and W-2's, student driver's license, any non-tax income (such as social security, welfare benefits, or child support) and your family's net worth.

### Common Mistakes to Watch For

*Using the wrong social security number:* Most parents do the FAFSA forms for their children; therefore, it is very easy to copy the wrong SSN or to use their own SSN. Wrong Social Security numbers will not match and will cause an error in submitting. Be careful to use the correct SSN.

*Avoid using nicknames:* The federal government matches the birth date and SSN with names submitted. Incorrect matches will result in an error.

### Special Circumstances

If you have special circumstances (change of income, tuition at an elementary or secondary school, high medical bills, unusual debt or one-time income, or parent in college), file the FAFSA with last year's income and call the financial aid office of the school you plan on attending. In many instances, the financial aid office can change the income reported to reflect this year's income or circumstances.

### Parent Information

According to the FAFSA website this is how you answer the question "*Who is my "parent" when filling out the FAFSA*"?. If your parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about them. If your parents are living together and are not married but meet the criteria in your state for a common-law marriage, answer the questions about both of them. If your state does not consider them to be married, fill out the parent information as if they are divorced. If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent with whom you lived more during the past 12 months. If you lived the same amount of time with each parent, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent. If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions on the FAFSA about that parent and the person whom your parent married. If your parent is widowed or single, answer the questions about that parent. If your widowed parent is remarried as of the day you sign the FAFSA, answer the questions about that parent and the person whom your parent married. The following people are not your parents unless they have adopted you: grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, and uncles or aunts. If you have no contact with parents, then contact the financial aid of the college you plan on attending on instructions on how to complete the FAFSA.

### Register for the Selective Service

Males (between 18 and 25) will not be eligible for federal financial aid unless they register for Selective Service. To insure that there are no problems with your financial aid, males should say "yes" to the question on the FAFSA that gives permission for the federal government to register the student for the Selective Service.

### Complete the FAFSA online

Once the worksheet is complete, you are ready to file the FAFSA online. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and file for the FAFSA for 2012-2013 academic year—it is free to file. To avoid scams make sure you use this website only. Before you submit your application, take the time to review your answers for accuracy—make changes now. Correcting mistakes after submitting the FAFSA can waste time and may mean a loss of collegiate aid. Submit the application online and print the confirmation page.

### What Happens Next?

The colleges you indicate on your FAFSA will automatically receive your FAFSA information, and within 72 hours you will be emailed your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**, which summarizes your application. This is your official record to be used for financial aid. If you want to make changes to the SAR, go back to the FAFSA—website: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). *NOTE:* if you make more than two changes after receiving your first SAR—STOP—call the financial aid office for further assistance. You will be given an **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** on your SAR. This is the figure that the colleges will use to award financial aid. You may be randomly selected for verification by the Federal government or by your school. You will **not** receive any financial aid until you complete the verification paperwork sent by the financial aid office at each school your SAR was sent. Failure to complete the verification paperwork and mail in along with your IRS Tax Return Transcript (request online at <http://www.irs.gov> or 1-800-908-9946) in a timely manner may result in a loss of some collegiate aid. You should complete verification at all of the schools you plan on attending.

### Step 5. The Award Offer

Once the financial aid office at each school you sent your SAR verifies that your SAR is complete, they will work up a financial aid package based on your EFC, PROFILE, or Institutional Aid Forms. Schools determine your financial aid based on the **Cost of Education (COE)**, minus the EFC, to equal the financial need. Schools use this formula to award financial aid. Financial aid may include the following: federal or state grants, institutional grants, scholarships, federal student or parent loans, work-study, and institutional aid or loans. You will be notified of your financial aid package in the form of an award letter. Comparing the award offers from different colleges can help you to decide which college to attend. Do not forget to factor in the loan amount that you will have to repay before making your final decision. Make sure you return the award offer by the priority deadline listed on the award letter. Failure to return the award offer may result in the school canceling your award and giving it away to another student. If you have questions, or if your award letter does not provide enough aid to pay for college expenses, contact the financial aid office.

**The biggest key to receiving the maximum financial aid package is meeting the priority deadlines.**

**Do not miss deadlines!**

## Previous Scholarships Available

**3. Seven Seventeen Credit Union Scholarship Program** Four scholarships of \$1500 awarded to graduating high school seniors who are members of Seven Seventeen or are a legal dependent of a Seven Seventeen member. Four scholarships are available to students attending one of three colleges: University of Akron, Youngstown State University and Kent State University. Four scholarships are available to members of either Seven Seventeen *cha-ching* or *edge club*. Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Applications available in guidance. Apr 1

**4. John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest** Write an original and creative essay that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by JFK in *Profiles in Courage*. First place winner receives \$10,000, second place receives \$1000, and five finalists receive \$500. Must be a high school student grade 9-12. For complete guidelines, visit Profile in Courage Award at [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org) Jan 7

**5. Ohio War Orphans Scholarships and Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund** 80% tuition paid at public colleges or comparable amounts at private colleges to Ohio residents who are children of deceased or disabled veterans with wartime service (death or disability need not be a result of/or related to military service). Full instructional and general fee paid for public colleges and a portion of these costs covered at a private college for students of peace officers, fire fighters and certain other safety officers killed in the line of duty anywhere in the USA. It also provides assistance to the children and spouses of a member of the armed services of the US, who has been killed in the line of duty during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom or in a combat zone designated by the President of the US. The child is only eligible for this program if he/she is not eligible for the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship. For more information: <http://regents.ohio.gov/>

**6. Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation** Provides awards for tuition, fees and books to students with a physical or mental impairment which constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment. Contact 330-373-1937.

**7. AmeriCorps** Program that provides educational awards in return for community service. Contact: Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20525. 1-800-942-2677 [www.americorps.gov/](http://www.americorps.gov/)

**8. College Answer Scholarship Sweepstakes** A free scholarship search with a monthly drawing for \$1000. [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

**9. SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes** Win \$1000 scholarship plus \$100 gift card by applying online at [www.offtocollege.info](http://www.offtocollege.info) Sweepstakes start Oct 28 a winner will be selected every two weeks until May 11, 2012. Only one entry per person for each drawing.

**13. Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship** \$1000 to \$5000 available to students who are history buffs, enjoy politics or who see government or military service in their future. Applications available at [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org) Jan 15

**14. Imagine America Scholarship** Open to TCTC students who are enrolled in sponsored colleges and technical schools. See Ms. Sparacino in guidance for eligibility requirements.

**15. GAR College Scholarship** Five high school seniors will receive renewable college scholarships of \$12,500. Must be a graduating senior enrolling full-time for the first year in pursuit of 4-year Bachelor's degree, must have 3.5 or higher GPA and rank top 20% of class, must demonstrate financial need, and have a parent/guardian must have, or had, a career in the financial services industry. Applications available on-line at [www.gordonrich.org](http://www.gordonrich.org) Feb 10

## New Scholarships Available

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**17 Exceptional Nurse Scholarship** Several scholarships for nursing students with disabilities; most awards are for \$500. Applicants must be students with a documented disability who have applied to or already been admitted to a college program on a full-time basis. Apply at [www.exceptionalnurse.com](http://www.exceptionalnurse.com) Jun 1

**18. Latino College Dollars: Scholarships for America's Latino Students** A booklet on scholarships for America's Latino students is available online at [www.latinocollegedollars.org](http://www.latinocollegedollars.org)

**19. Schwalle Family Scholarship** The organization for Autism Research will award \$3000 to qualified persons with autism or Asperger syndrome. Three categories: four-year undergraduate school, two-year undergraduate school, and trade, technical or vocational school. Apply at [www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp](http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp) Apr 30

**20. Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium Scholarship** Awards available for high school seniors enrolled in a college-level program or an ASE/NATEF certified post-secondary automotive technical program. Apply online at [www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com), Mar 31

**21. The National Co-Op Scholarship Program** 200 renewable scholarships at \$6,000 each. Must have a 3.5 GPA and complete all the required admissions applications material and be accepted for the 2012-2013 academic year at one of the National Commission Partner Institutions: Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo and Wentworth Institute of Technology; must be a Co-Op student. Apply online at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu). Feb 15

**22. ASHRAE's High School Senior Engineering & Engineering Technology Scholarship** Available to high school seniors accepted into an engineering or engineering technology program and who are interested in promoting sustainability. Apply online @[www.ashrae.org/scholarships](http://www.ashrae.org/scholarships). May 1

**23. Scholarships for Military Children** Seniors who have a mother or father is active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military personnel or a survivor of a deceased member, and have a military dependent I.D. card you can apply! You must be planning to attend a college or university on a full-time basis. Apply at [www.militaryscholar.org/](http://www.militaryscholar.org/) Feb 24

**24. Trumbull County General Scholarship** Students can apply to six different scholarships by completing one application- available in guidance. **Loren Hunter** for Warren City seniors only. **Marie Ohl** 10 scholarships are available; financial need is a factor; \$1000, non-renewable. **Rotary Club of Warren** Two \$1000 non-renewable scholarships will be awarded to a student from Warren City and one for Trumbull County combined. Applicants must have a verified learning disability or physical disability and show financial need. **Stanley L. and Grace A. Woofter** Two \$1500 non-renewable scholarships. Applicants must have a verified learning or physical disability, demonstrated scholarship, achievement, participation in activities and financial need. **Trumbull County** Several non-renewable scholarships, amount varies. Preference will be given to deserving students of the Trumbull County Children's Services first, and then to students demonstrating scholarship and participation in activities. **First Place Bank of Warren** Must demonstrate a philosophy of superior performance and commitment to school and community involvement. Twenty-three \$500 scholarships awarded. **One \$500 scholarship to a TCTC student.** Must have a 3.0 GPA. After meeting the minimum GPA, all applicants will be evaluated based on their participation in school and community activities. **The application requires a high school transcript and other documents attached; therefore, you need to see your TCTC counselor at least a week before the deadline.** Mar 9

**25. eSchoolView Web Design and Web Page Development** Seniors develop a homepage or interior page for TCTC's website and earn \$1000 scholarship awards. See [www.eSchoolView.com/scholarships](http://www.eSchoolView.com/scholarships) or <http://www.eschoolview.com/ESVStudentScholarshipProgram.aspx> for further details. Mar 30

**26. The Goodrick Family Foundation Scholarship** Two \$1000 scholarships available to seniors who plan on attending a college or university majoring in music or medicine (including veterinary medicine). Applicants must be graduating from a Mercer County Pennsylvania or Trumbull County Ohio high school. Consideration will be given to leadership/service, character/integrity, school activities, noteworthy achievements, awards and recognition, work history, special talents, community and personal activities, financial need, GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and class rank. Applications available in guidance. Mar 7

**27. Isabelle Christenson Memorial Scholarship** A scholarship awarded to an individual or family member of someone directly impacted by organ donation including transplant candidates, recipients and donor family member. The scholarship is funded through Izzie's Gifts of Hope Foundation in memory of Isabelle Christenson. Applications available in guidance. Mar 30

## New Scholarships Available (Continued)

**28. Marc Sabino Honorary Scholarship** Honor and celebrate the life of cancer survivor, Marc Sabino by providing an annual \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior who is going on to higher education and whose life has been touched by cancer. Eligible candidates include cancer survivors who are going into any field of study, and any student whose life has been touched by cancer and who is pursuing a course of study in the fields of medicine or medical research. Special consideration will be given to cancer survivors and to the following criteria: financial need, character/integrity, school activities, noteworthy achievements, awards and recognition, GPA, work history and class rank. Applications available in guidance. Mar 7

**29. Christie W. Manchester Memorial Scholarship** One \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior of a Trumbull County who plans to pursue a degree from a college, university, trade school or military academy. Consideration will be given to the following criteria, which are listed in no particular order: financial need, character/Integrity, school activities, noteworthy achievements, awards/recognition, GPA, work history and class rank. Applications available in guidance. Mar 7

\* Local scholarships are printed in blue.

## Types of Financial Aid

### Three Categories of Financial Aid

#### Merit Based Aid

Merit based aid is awarded on merit: academic, athletic, musical or exceptional talent.

#### Need-Based Aid

Need based aid is awarded based on a family's financial need using federal or school standards.

#### Non-Need-Based Aid

Non-need based aid does not take into account a family's financial need.

### Four Types of Financial Aid

#### Grants (Need-Based)

No repayment necessary.

*Pell Grant* A federal grant up to \$5,550 for 2012-2013 academic year awarded through the FAFSA, who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree.

*Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)* A state grant awarded through the FAFSA, amount fixed. You must file the FAFSA by October 1st to be eligible for this grant.

*Federal Supplemental Equal Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)* For undergraduates with exceptional need, with Pell-eligible recipients receiving priority. A grant awarded by colleges, amount varies from each college (\$100 to \$4,000), many colleges award through institutional or supplemental form or FAFSA. Not all colleges participate.

*Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (Teach)* Grants up to \$4,000 for undergraduate or graduate students who are taking courses necessary to become a teacher. Must be willing to serve minimum four years as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a school that serves low-income students. Failure to complete teaching service commitment will result in the grant funds being converted to a

Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. This grant is not available at all colleges, and you must request it at the financial aid office. Undergraduate total may not exceed \$16,000.

*Institutional Grants* Grants that are unique to individual colleges. Check with the financial aid office to see how to apply for these grants.

*Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant* For students who are not Pell-eligible; whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11; and who, at the time of the parent's or guardian's death, were less than 24 years old or were enrolled at least part-time at an institution of higher education.

*Choose Ohio First* Merit-based awards given to students who major in STEM concentrations (science, technology, engineering and math). Awards vary from college. Contact the financial aid office to determine how you apply for these awards.

*Ohio Education and Training Voucher Program* Up to \$5,000 awarded to students who aged out of foster care or who were adopted from foster care after their 16th birthday.

#### Scholarships (Merit, Need-Based, or Non-Need-Based)

Gift aid. No repayment unless the rules of the scholarship are not met; amount varies. Scholarships can be awarded by schools, outside sources, private interests, foundations, or state sources.

#### Work Programs (Merit, Need-Based, Non-Need-Based)

It is self-help; students work for aid. The federal work-study program is need-based, and amount varies from college. Students cannot work more than 20 hours. Federal Work Study wages are excluded from EFC calculation! Assistantship and cooperative education programs can be merit, need-based, or non-need-based depending on the program and school. Money might be given in form of a check or applied directly to your student bill, depending on college policy.

#### Loans (Need-Based, Non-Need-Based)

*Federal Stafford Loan* A federal loan issued with set amount limits (\$3,500 to \$5,500) with no credit history required. Two types: subsidized and unsubsidized. Subsidized loans are need-based, and the interest is paid by the federal government while the borrower is in school. Unsubsidized loans are non-need based, and the borrower is responsible for the interest while in school. Fixed interest rate of 6.8% and an aggregate limits set at \$31,000. Teacher loan forgiveness program is available, see FAFSA website for more information [www.fafsa.ed.gov/student\\_aid\\_publications](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/student_aid_publications).

*Federal Perkins Loan* Set limits up to \$5,500; amounts vary at each school. A need-based loan, issued by participating schools to students with exceptional need. Fixed interest rate of 5% during repayment, an no interest accrue during school. Deferment and cancellation provisions available. Aggregate limits for undergraduates are set at \$27,500.

*Federal Parent Plus Loan* A non-need based loan, where parents are the borrower. Repayment begins 60 days after the last loan disbursement. Plus loans are based on parent credit history. If a parent is unable to take out the loan due to poor credit history, the student is able to take out independent student Stafford Loan amounts.

*Alternative Loan* Non-need based. An educational loan disbursed by participating lenders for educational pursuits. Limits set, but much higher than federal student loans. Unlike federal student loans, alternative loans are based on credit-worthiness.

*Institutional Loan* A loan that is unique to the college disbursing it.

*NEALP* Need-based loans for RN candidates, which can be forgiven with 4-5 years of service as a nurse in Ohio. Loans range from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

#### Other Types of Financial Aid

The military has programs that provide college money in exchange for service. The Peace Corps offer graduates a 15% reduction of outstanding Perkins, not Stafford loans, each year of service. Americorps is a national program where students do community service for a stipend and college aid.

#### Financial Aid Tips\*

- ◆ The early bird gets the worm. Apply early and take deadlines seriously.
- ◆ Apply to schools you want, not just the ones you think you can afford; you might be surprised.
- ◆ Complete the FAFSA and other requested forms carefully and promptly. Keep copies for your records.
- ◆ Be Aggressive. Every Dollar helps! Investigate other forms of aid (e.g. online scholarships searches, library resources, local business/civic organizations, etc).
- ◆ Financial aid resources can offset the price gap between higher and lower priced colleges. Ask for help. Talk to a college financial aid person if you have questions.

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330-847-0503

or

1-866-737-6925 (toll free)

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Phone Extension 1005

## Counselors:

*Ms. Maria Len*

Phone Extension 1007

Home Schools:

Badger  
Brookfield  
Girard  
Hubbard  
Liberty  
Mineral Ridge  
Niles

*Ms. Tina Hentosh*

Phone Extension 1006

Home Schools:

Champion  
LaBrae  
Lordstown  
Maplewood  
McDonald  
Newton Falls  
Southington

*Ms. Denise Sparacino*

Phone Extension 1010

Home Schools:

Bloomfield  
Bristol  
Lakeview  
Mathews  
Warren

[www.tctchome.com](http://www.tctchome.com)

## TCTC Important Days

*December 22—January 2  
Winter Break*

*January 16  
Martin Luther King Day  
No School*

*January 20  
End of the 2nd nine weeks*

*January 24-25  
Career Days, No school*

*Snow Makeup days for  
Career Days  
January 26-27*

## College and Financial Timeline for Seniors

- ☑ Narrow down your college choices and start applying for admission. **Check deadlines for applying for admissions and scholarships. With many colleges, if you miss their application deadline, you may not be eligible for financial, scholarship and grant opportunities.** Do not forget to send high school transcripts with admissions applications which you will need to order from your **home school** guidance office. Keep records of everything you submit in a file for easy access.
- ☑ Research scholarship opportunities, write for applications or apply online. Make sure you include all requested materials when submitting the application. Check scholarship opportunities available at colleges you plan on attending. Check the Guidance Newsletters from TCTC and your homeschool for scholarship opportunities. **Check deadlines and procedures for applying.**
- ☑ Request teacher, counselor, or employer recommendations if needed for admissions or scholarship applications at least two weeks before due. Supply relevant information regarding achievements, GPA, community service, hobbies and extracurricular activities.
- ☑ Take or retake the ACT or SAT **NOW!** Applications are available in guidance.
- ☑ Begin contacting the financial aid offices. **Check deadlines for applying for financial aid.** Does your college require the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE in addition to the FAFSA? If so, follow your school's instructions for completing. You can do the FAFSA following the directions on the front of this newsletter after Jan. 1st. In December, order pin numbers following the directions again on the front.
- ☑ Continue to work hard all year; do not succumb to senioritis. Grades can affect scholarship eligibility and admissions. Your final senior transcript will reflect your progress your senior year, so do not miss school!

## College and Financial Timeline for Juniors

- ☑ Search the internet for scholarships now. More outside private scholarships are offered for high school juniors. Check the Guidance Newsletter for scholarships for those that will allow high school juniors to apply. **Make sure you meet the deadlines.**
- ☑ Begin researching colleges that you are considering attending; start arranging college visits. If you cannot visit in person, do a virtual visit online. Share college plans with parents, counselors, teachers, advisors, and friends.
- ☑ Take the ACT and/or the PSAT in your junior year. Taking the test in your junior year will help you to decide if you need to take additional classes summer/senior year in low test areas. Taking the test now will allow colleges to contact you and provide you with more opportunities to retest. You need the test scores to apply for college next year. If you wait until your senior year, you may miss many college financial aid and institutional opportunities.
- ☑ Start or continue community service involvement. Many college admissions and/or scholarship applications take notice when students succeed academically while being active in clubs, participating in sports and volunteering in the community.
- ☑ Begin developing portfolios, audition tapes, and resume and keep records or articles of successes.
- ☑ Strive for high grades. Do not miss school!

## Important Financial Aid Addresses, Phone Numbers & Websites

### Federal Student Aid Information

Information and links to FAFSA  
1-800-433-3243 (1-800-4-FED-AID)

Use above number for checking application status, ordering a duplicate Student Aid Report (SAR), adding or changing college listed on ZSAR, provide change of address, help in filing application & general information on aid eligibility  
[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)  
Also visit: [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov)

### Financial Aid Information

Links & information about scholarships, loans, college savings plans, military aid, EFC calculator, loan calculators and more  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

### Ohio State Grants & Scholarships Department

State grant/scholarship information  
Ohio Board of Regents,  
State Grants & Scholarships  
P.O. Box 182452  
Columbus, Ohio 43218-2452

1-888-833-1133 or 1-614-466-7420

Fax: 1-614-752-5903

[www.ohiohighered.org/sgs](http://www.ohiohighered.org/sgs)

### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

1-800-829-1040 Request individual tax transcript  
[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

### Selective Service Systems

Register for selective service & check registration status

Data Management Center

P.O. Box 94638

Palatine, IL 60094-4638

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

1-888-655-1825 or TTY: 1-847-688-2567

email: [Information@sss.gov](mailto:Information@sss.gov) (for brochures, etc.)

For questions regarding registration: [DMCSupport@sss.gov](mailto:DMCSupport@sss.gov)

### Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)