#### THE FAFSA TO DO LIST: BEFORE YOU START



### What to know:

The FAFSA will be available starting <u>OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup></u> for the 2022-2023 application cycle. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) @ <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>

The FAFSA is the MOST IMPORTANT document you will fill out concerning your financial aid! Even if you don't think you'll qualify, still apply!

## Here are some things to do BEFORE you start filling out the FAFSA:

- 1. Get a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) Username/Password @ <a href="https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch">https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch</a>
- 2. Write it down! You need to "sign" your online FAFSA & Keep it Safe!
- 3. One of your parents/guardians MUST also get a FSA ID Username/Password. Write that down too and keep it safe!

# **Collect the following documents:**

- 1. 2020 Income tax returns, yours and your parents. You'll be using the 2020 income records for the 2022-2023 school year
- 2. W-2 forms and other records of income; if you work (even if you don't) you must include this information in the FAFSA
- 3. Your Social Security Number
- 4. Your Parents Social Security Numbers
- 5. Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. Citizen
- 6. Know your parents date of marriage; parent's date of birth
- 7. Information on savings, investments & businesses assets for yourself and for your parents (excluding retirement accounts)

# **Questions:**

- http://www.studentaid.ed.gov
- https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/



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