

# Welcome Class of 2025!

## Basics of Financial Aid and the FAFSA® Process



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Assistance  
Foundation**

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# Agenda

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- Researching Schools & Careers
- Federal and State Financial Aid?
- Federal Student Aid Identification (**FSA ID**)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**®)
- Register for NMEAF \$500 FAFSA Scholarships



# Senior year!

*Finish Strong* during the last year in high school

- **GPA** – Colleges may use your GPA for scholarship opportunities.
- **ACT/SAT** – Practice for your ACT/SAT exam.
  - **Exam Optional ?**
- **Where to start** – small school, large school, in-state, out-of-state, *cost considerations*, close to...
- **Types of Schools** – Colleges, Universities, Community Colleges, Trade Schools. (Career Certifications)





# College and Career Planning Checklist

Keep track of key steps to take during each grade of high school to help you plan for college and career.

[Sign In to See Your Progress](#)

9th Grade

10th Grade

11th Grade

12th Grade



<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/checklist/12th-grade>

CollegeBoard Access

11th Grade

## College Planning: 11th Grade

Junior year marks a turning point. This is because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear. Here are some things you can do this year to stay on track for college.

**FALL**

- Start with you: Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Learn about colleges: Look at their websites and find colleges at [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search). Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent grads of your school now in college. List the college features that interest you.
- Resource check: Visit the counseling office and meet the counselors there. Is there a college night for students and families? When will college representatives visit your school? (Put the dates in your calendar.) Examine catalogs and guides.
- At school, speak to your counselor about taking the PSAT/NMSQT, which is given in October. If you plan to ask for testing accommodations (because of a disability), be sure the College Board has approved your eligibility.
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data. If appropriate for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- Estimate your financial aid need. Financial aid can help you afford college. Use the College Board's Getting Financial Aid and the financial aid calculator at [bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org) to estimate how much aid you might receive.

**WINTER**

- Sign up to take the SAT in the spring. You can register online or through your school. SAT fee waivers are available to eligible students. To prepare for the SAT, you can access free, personalized SAT practice tools at [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org), including thousands of interactive questions, video lessons, practice tests, and more.
- Begin a search for financial aid sources. National sources include the College Board's Scholarship Search and electronic sources. Don't overlook local and state aid sources. (Ask a counselor for help or check your public library.)
- With your family, make an appointment with your counselor to discuss ways to improve your college-preparation and selection processes.
- Ask a counselor or teacher about taking the SAT Subject Tests in the spring. You should take them while course material is still fresh in your mind. You can download The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide, which offers test-prep advice, from [SATSubjectTests.org](https://SATSubjectTests.org).
- Explore AP. The Advanced Placement Program helps hundreds of thousands of high school students achieve their college dreams each year. Get the facts at [apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap](https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap). If you're in AP classes, register for the AP Exams given in May.
- Opt in to the College Board Opportunity Scholarships at [collegeboard.org/opportunity](https://collegeboard.org/opportunity). You can earn scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 by completing individual college planning steps. Complete all six steps and you'll be eligible for the \$40,000 scholarship.

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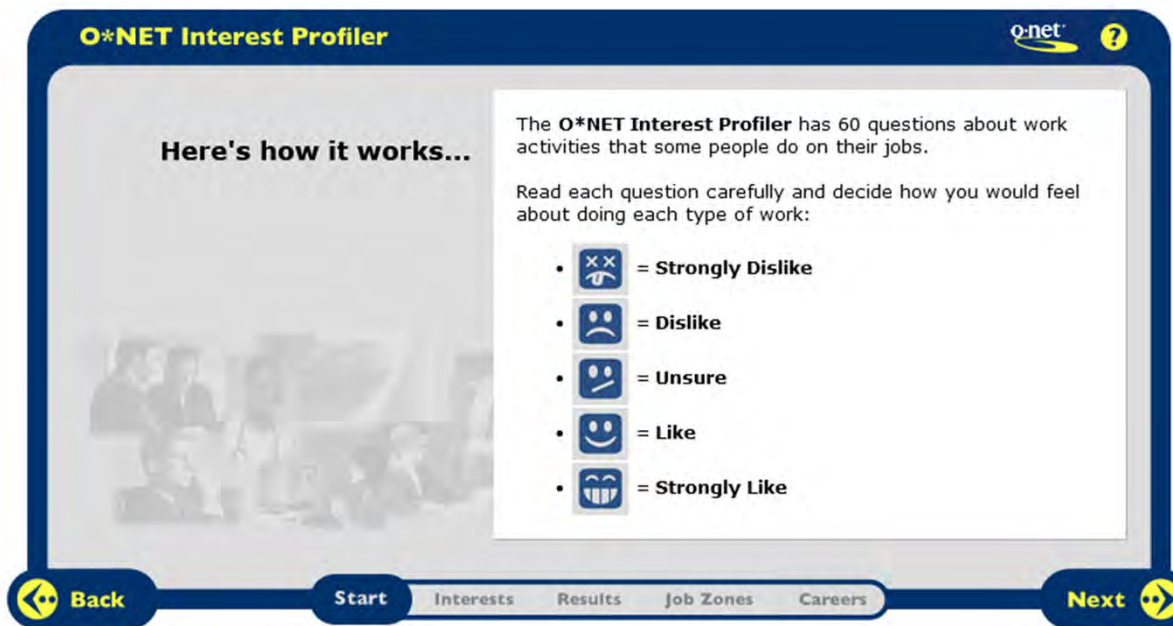


<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

# Know your interest



## — MY NEXT MOVE



<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

Interest inventories are questionnaires that ask you to rate your interest in a wide variety of activities.



# Researching Careers



U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Get the CareerInfo app for the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH).

Scan with your device



iOS



Android

**OCCUPATION**    **JOB SUMMARY**    **ENTRY-LEVEL EDUCATION**    **2022 MEDIAN PAY**

<b>Computer Support Specialists</b> Computer support specialists maintain computer networks and provide technical help to computer users.	<a href="#">See How to Become One</a>	\$59,660
<b>Computer Systems Analysts</b> Computer systems analysts study an organization's current computer systems and design ways to improve efficiency.	Bachelor's de	
<b>Database Administrators and Architects</b> Database administrators and architects create or organize systems to store and secure data.	Bachelor's de	
<b>Information Security Analysts</b> Information security analysts plan and carry out security measures to protect an organization's computer networks and systems.	Bachelor's de	
<b>Network and Computer Systems Administrators</b> Network and computer systems administrators install, configure, and maintain organizations' computer networks and systems.	Bachelor's de	
<b>Software Developers, Quality Assurance Analysts, and Testers</b> Software developers design computer applications or programs. Software quality assurance analysts and testers identify problems with applications or programs and report defects.	Bachelor's de	
<b>Web Developers and Digital Designers</b> Web developers create and maintain websites. Digital designers develop, create, and test website or interface layout, functions, and navigation for usability.	Bachelor's de	


**Computer Systems Analysts** PRINTER FRIENDLY

Summary    What They Do    Work Environment    How to Become One    Pay    Job Outlook    State & Area Data    Similar Occupations    More Info

### Summary

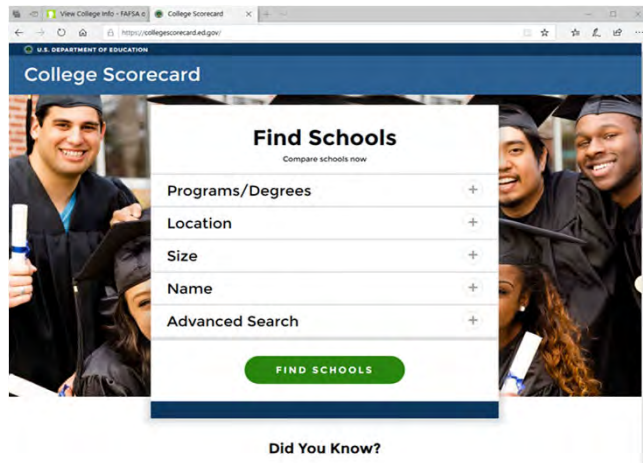
Quick Facts: Computer Systems Analysts	
<b>2022 Median Pay</b>	\$102,240 per year \$49.15 per hour
<b>Typical Entry-Level Education</b>	Bachelor's degree
<b>Work Experience in a Related Occupation</b>	None
<b>On-the-job Training</b>	None
<b>Number of Jobs, 2022</b>	531,400
<b>Job Outlook, 2022-32</b>	10% (Much faster than average)
<b>Employment Change, 2022-32</b>	51,100

**What Computer Systems Analysts Do**  
Computer systems analysts study an organization's current computer systems and design ways to improve efficiency.





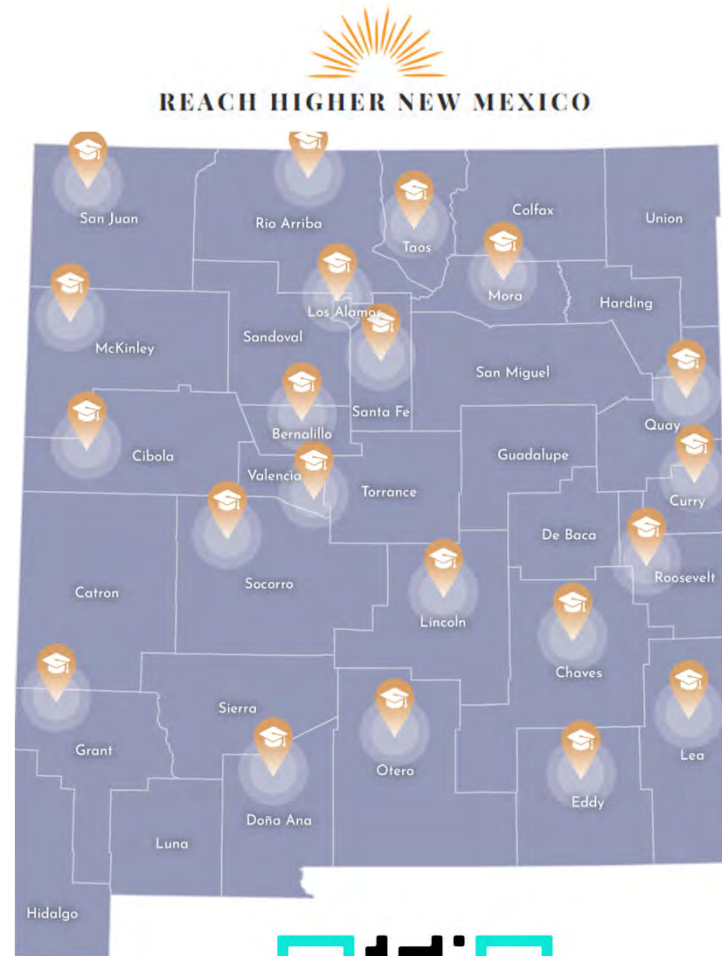
# Where can I research schools?



**COLLEGE SCORECARD**



**NM Public Colleges and Universities**  
<https://hed.state.nm.us/nm-college-guide/>



<https://www.reachhighernm.com/#schools-grid>

# What is Financial Aid?

## Types of Federal Aid:

- **Grants & Scholarships** (Gift Aid)

- **Borrowed**  
Direct Loans

- **Earned**

- **Work-Study**



<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/do-you-need-money.pdf>



# State Aid

**Need Help?**  
**Contact us at 1-800-279-9777**  
**[FIN.AID@HED.NM.GOV](mailto:FIN.AID@HED.NM.GOV)**



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**STATE SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS**

Home / Financial Aid / State Scholarships & Grants

<https://hed.state.nm.us/financial-aid>

**NEW MEXICO  
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New Mexico's  
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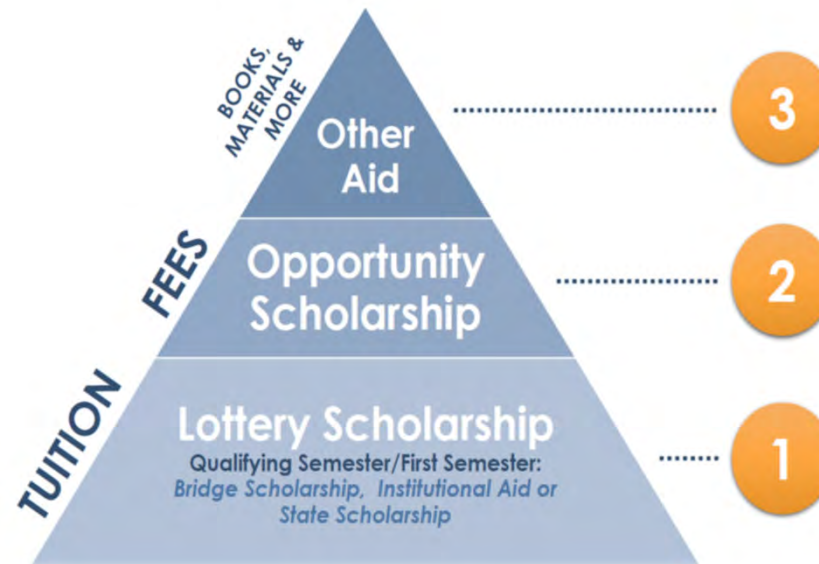
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college scholarship program!

# State Aid

## How do I qualify for the Lottery Scholarship?

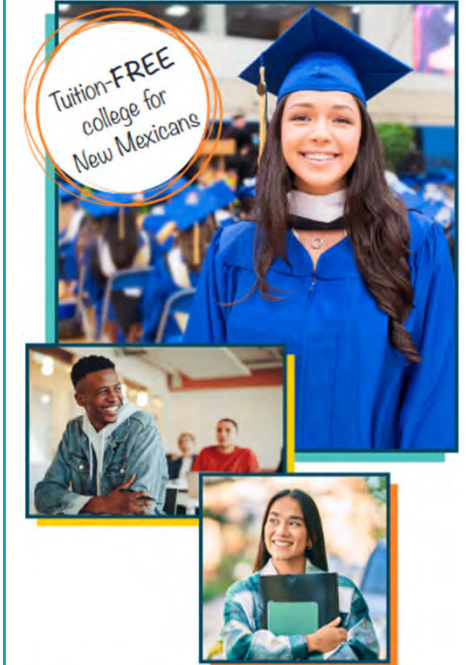
To qualify for the Lottery Scholarship, you will need to:

- Enroll full-time at a New Mexico public college or university within 16 months of high school graduation or completion of a high school equivalency or home school certificate. Full-time means:
  - 15 credit hours at a four-year university
  - 12 credit hours at a community college
- Achieve and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
- Maintain full-time enrollment every fall and spring semesters.



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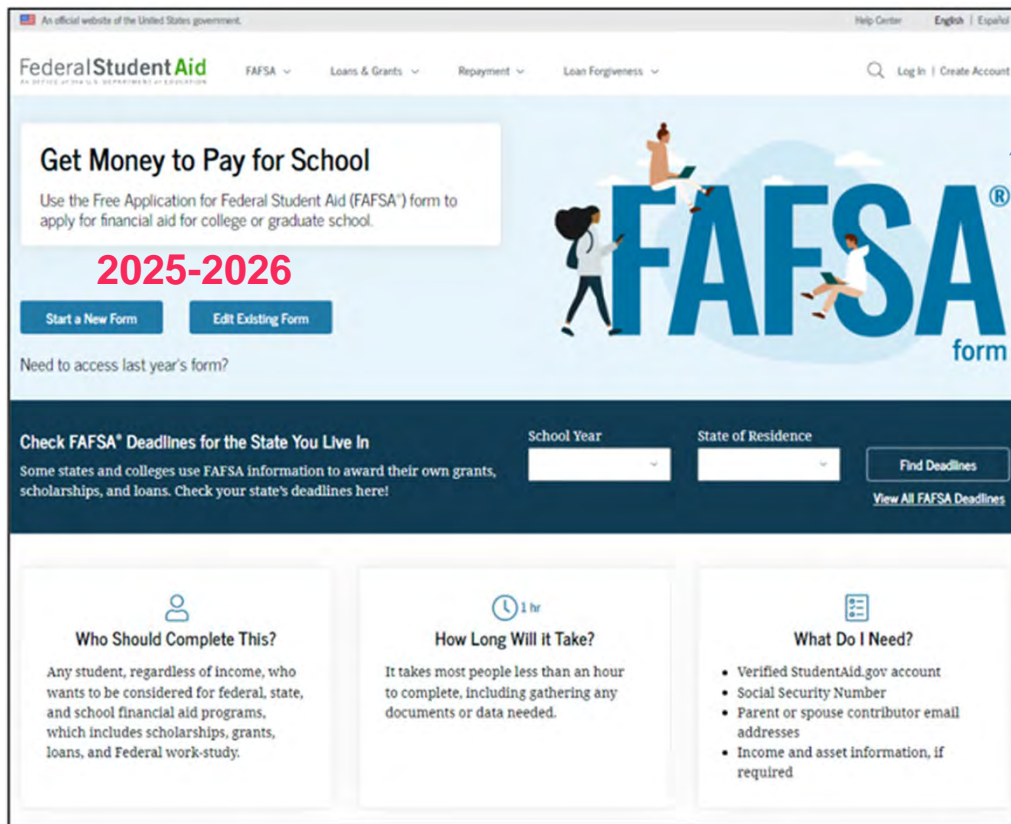
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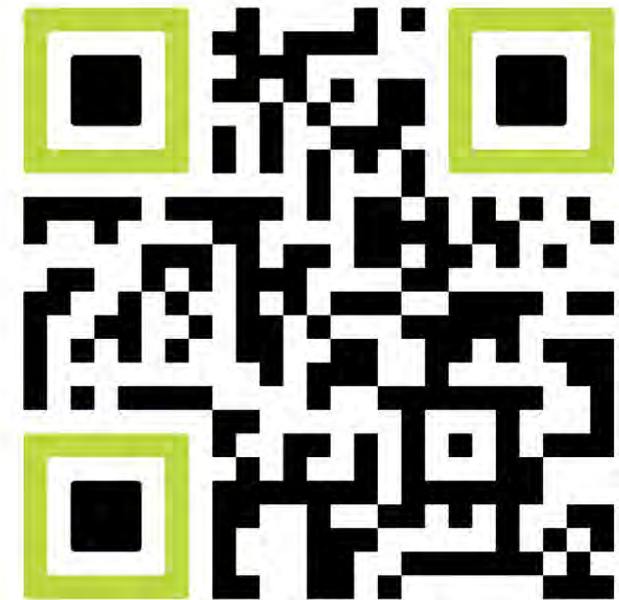
# Federal Aid

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Opens December 1



Pell Grant  
Up to \$7,395



<https://studentaid.ed.gov>

# Before you Apply

## Create your FSA ID

The **Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID** is a **username** and **password** that is required to log in and access all Federal Student Aid websites, including the **FAFSA**.

### Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

[Get Started](#)

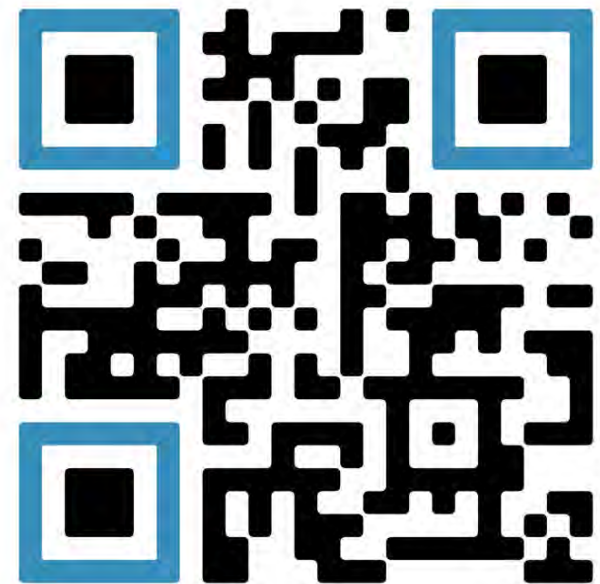
Already have an account? [Log In](#)

#### What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note (MPN)*
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

#### What You'll Need

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address



<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

# FSA ID

## Who needs a FSA ID

**Contributors** will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide their information. To invite a contributor to your FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address.

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Step 1 of 7

#### Personal Information

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month  Day  Year

Social Security Number

**Note:** A user can only have one account associated with his or her Social Security number.

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# Researching Scholarships

<https://www.nmeaf.org/plan-pay-for-college/scholarships/>



**Tip - Never pay to apply!**  
Eligibility and Deadlines!

Local businesses, banks, **non-profit organizations** & churches, Parent's employers, etc.



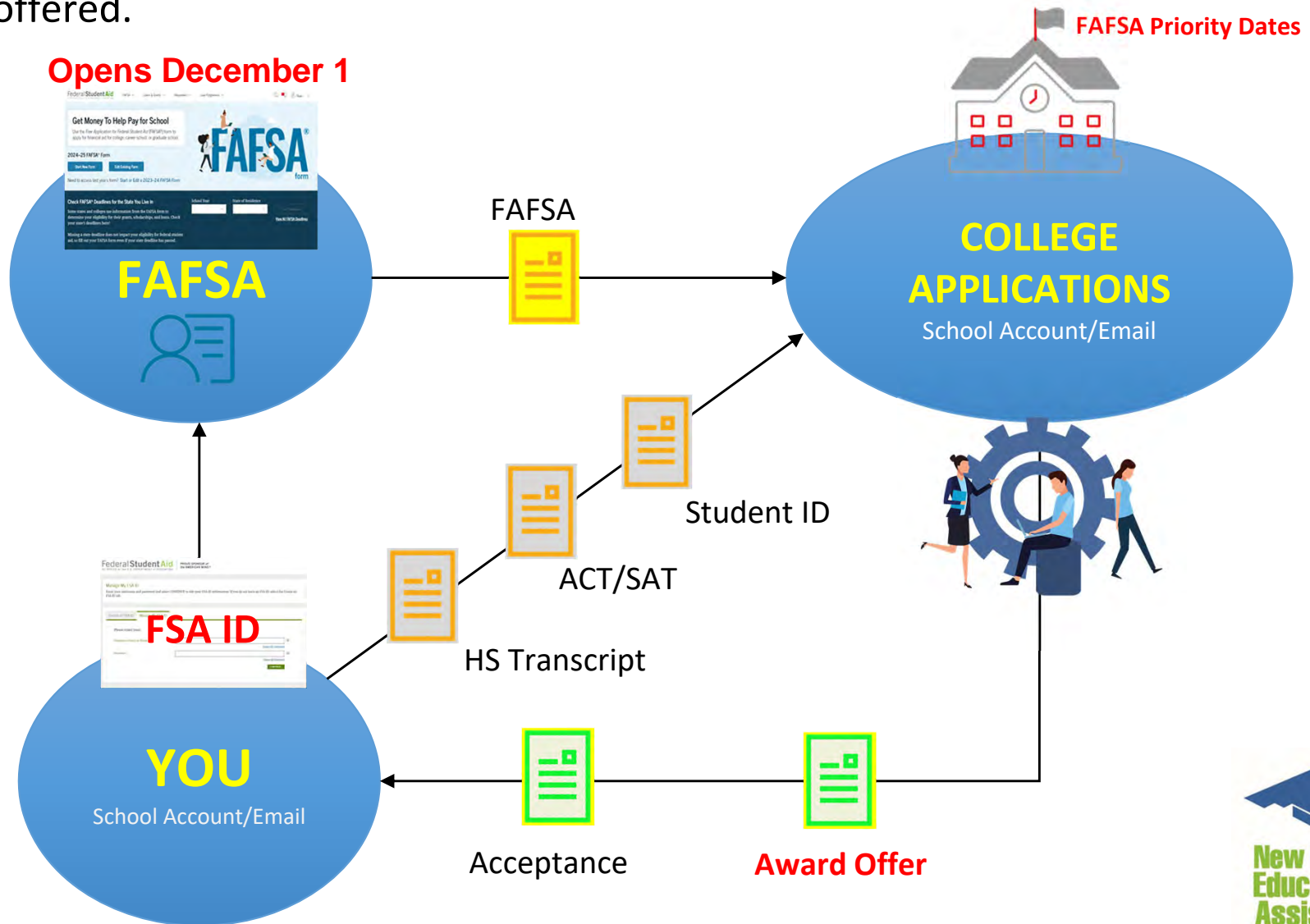
**fastweb**



Your **high school counselor** is one of your best resources for scholarships searches.

# College Applications – Award offers

Financial aid award offers outline the details of the financial aid package you are being offered.

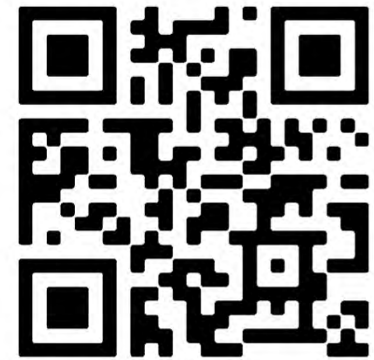


# \$500 FAFSA Scholarships

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**High school seniors** *can register to*  
win \$500 Scholarships



<https://www.nmeaf.org/FAFSA-Scholarship>



# LOCAL NM HELP



**NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA?**  
Students/ Parents can attend virtual sessions for **FREE HELP!** from professionals who know the FAFSA.

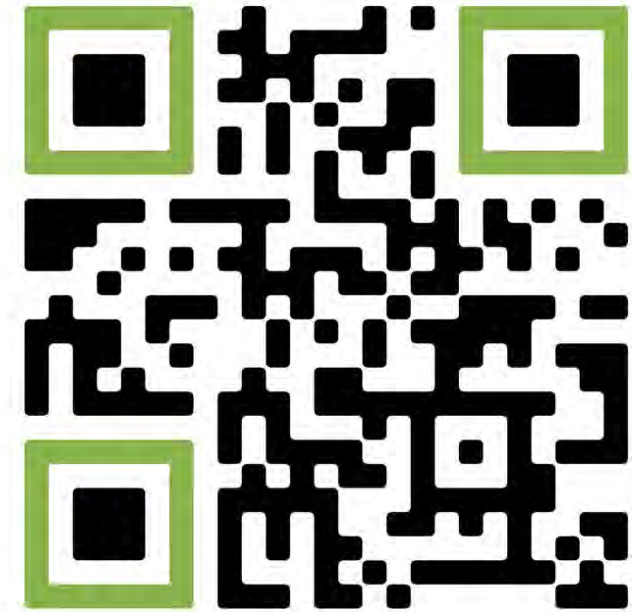
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Join our virtual sessions by scanning any QR Code or by going to <https://qrco.de/beNHwi>



The process is free and easy. Every Monday from 3-6PM, students and/or parents can log in to our virtual help session, Money Mondays. At Money Mondays, we have professionals from the local universities and other volunteers there to help you complete the FAFSA or simply answer questions about continuing your education.

## FAFSA Money Mondays Virtual Workshops



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# NMEAF FAFSA BROCHURES



## FAFSA Brochure

Download our FAFSA Guide



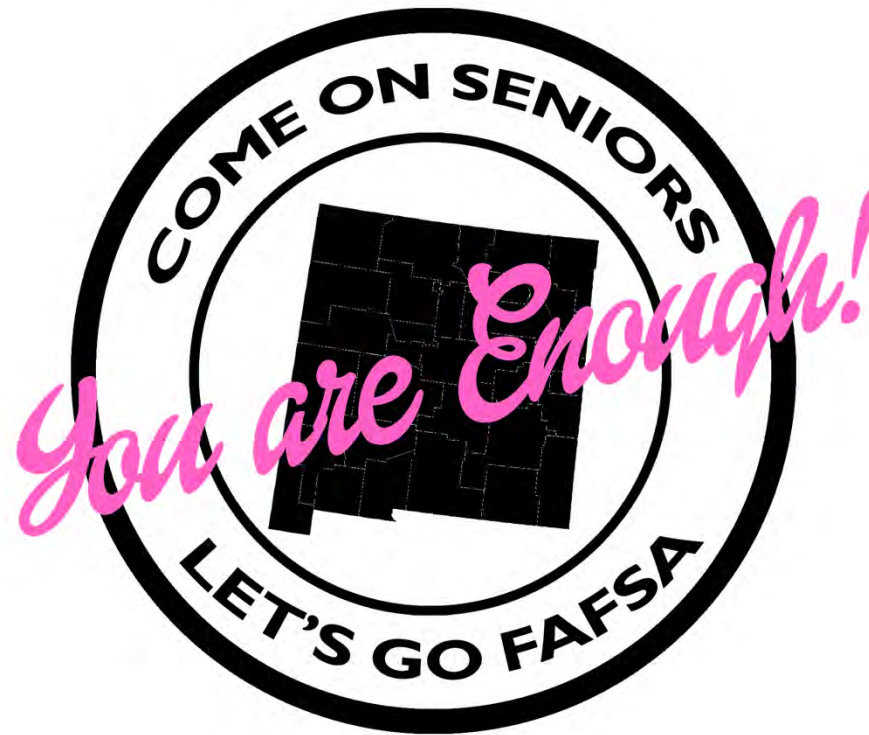
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# Questions?



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