**FAFSA reminders, pre-FAFSA**

Hello seniors,

If you are going to college next year, there are some important dates coming up in the near future that you need to be aware of. The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** becomes available in late December. This is an important step in the financial aid process that gives you access to federal student loans, grants, and work-study opportunities as a college student.

To get ready to file the FAFSA, you and one of your parents should set up a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). This is a username and password that you will use to fill out and sign the FAFSA form. **Visit** [**studentaid.gov/fsa-id**](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing) to set up your ID, and don’t forget to write it down! You’ll use the same FSA ID every year to file the FAFSA.

If you have questions about paying for college, or would like **free help filing your FAFSA,** ICAN offers free resources for college planning and financial aid. You can visit their website, [www.ICANsucceed.org](http://www.icansucceed.org), to schedule an appointment, or call their toll free number, 877-272-4692 to talk to an advisor.

Stay on top of the process, and **file your FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1st**!

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