

You want to go to college, but...

FAFSA

Financial Aid

SAT-ACT-AP

Grades

PPY

NCAA

Applications

MAJORS

Essays

Transcripts

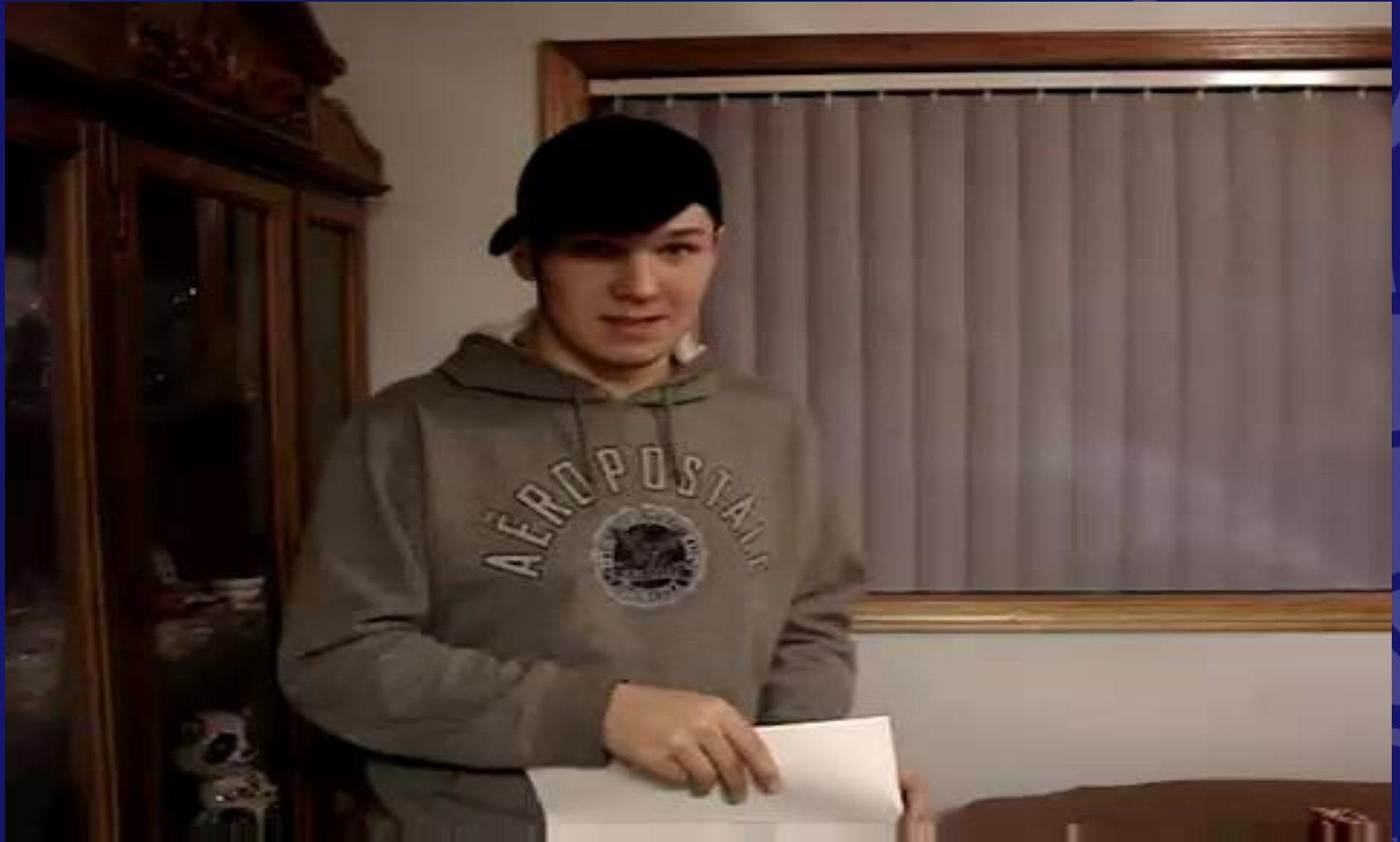
RECOMMENDATIONS

Take a breath...

- ◆ Preparation
- ◆ Options
- ◆ Planning
- ◆ Application Process
- ◆ You are not alone!



Begin with the end in mind...



Equal Excitement



So Where Do We Start?

- ◆ Rigorous Courses
- ◆ Grades / GPA
- ◆ Requirements
- ◆ Activities
- ◆ Career Exploration
- ◆ Naviance



What Should Sophomores Do to Prepare?



- Rigorous Courses
- Grades
- Requirements/Option II
- PSAT - February
- Career Exploration
- College “Drive-by”

Juniors



- ◆ Rigorous Courses
- ◆ PSAT - October
- ◆ SAT and/or ACT
- ◆ Test Prep
- ◆ College Research / Visits
- ◆ Extracurricular activities
 - Leadership positions

The Home Stretch

- ◆ SAT / ACT
- ◆ Visit colleges
- ◆ Apply
- ◆ Financial aid
- ◆ Courses / Grades

SENIOR YEAR



Nervous about taking SAT/ACT?

- ◆ Take a rigorous schedule
- ◆ Take extra math, science, and English
- ◆ Read, read, read
- ◆ Online practice tests and information
- ◆ Free Full Length Practice SAT/ACT

ACT vs. SAT

➤ ACT

- English
- Math
- Science
- Reading
- STEM / ELA subscores
- Optional writing test

➤ Curriculum based

➤ SAT

- Math
- Critical reading
- Essay (Optional)
- Subject Tests

➤ Thinking/problem solving skills



What are YOUR strengths?

Changes to SAT

- ◆ NEW: in Spring of 2016
- ◆ PSAT will change first Fall of 2015
- ◆ No wrong answer penalty (1/4 pt.)
- ◆ Optional Essay, separate score
- ◆ Scoring: 1600 (800 Math/800 Reading)
- ◆ Fewer questions, in-depth analysis of content, focus on “real-world” problems and passages

**FOR MORE INFO
CHECK OUT THESE
WEB SITES:**

WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM

ACTSTUDENT.ORG

Researching Colleges

- ◆ Consider what you want in a college:
 - Size
 - Public or private
 - Location
 - Majors
 - Student life



Larger Schools vs. Smaller Schools



- ◆ Academics
- ◆ Athletics
- ◆ Social Life

- ◆ Relationships with professors
- ◆ Student body
- ◆ Opportunities



Public vs. Private Universities

- ◆ Cost
- ◆ Affiliations



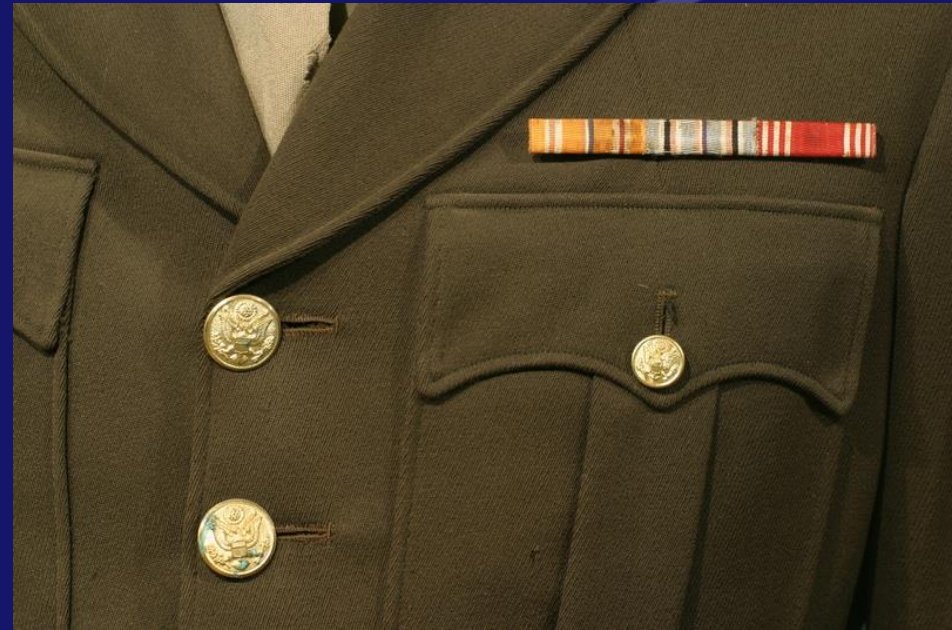
Location

- ◆ In state or out of state
- ◆ Commuting distance
- ◆ Driving distance
- ◆ Flying distance



Military Service

- ◆ Military academies
 - Start Early!
- ◆ ROTC programs
- ◆ Tuition assistance



U.S. Military Academy

U.S. Air Force Academy

U.S. Naval Academy

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

U.S. Merchant Marines

How Can I Learn About Different Colleges?

- ◆ College
- ◆ Internet Research
- ◆ People
- ◆ Campus visits



Campus Visit

- ◆ Colleges love to have high school students visit
- ◆ It just takes a phone call to set one up!
- ◆ *Demonstrated Interest*

**This is the best way to
find out if a school is
right for you!**



Athletics - NCAA

- ◆ Division I, II, III
- ◆ NCAA Clearinghouse
- ◆ Core Courses**
- ◆ SAT Scores
- ◆ Core GPA**
- ◆ Notify your counselor early!



NCAA DI – Changes

- ◆ 16 Core Courses: 10 prior to senior year
- ◆ Grades earned prior to senior year are “locked in”
- ◆ Minimum GPA now 2.3 (not 2.0)
- ◆ Every grade/semester counts!

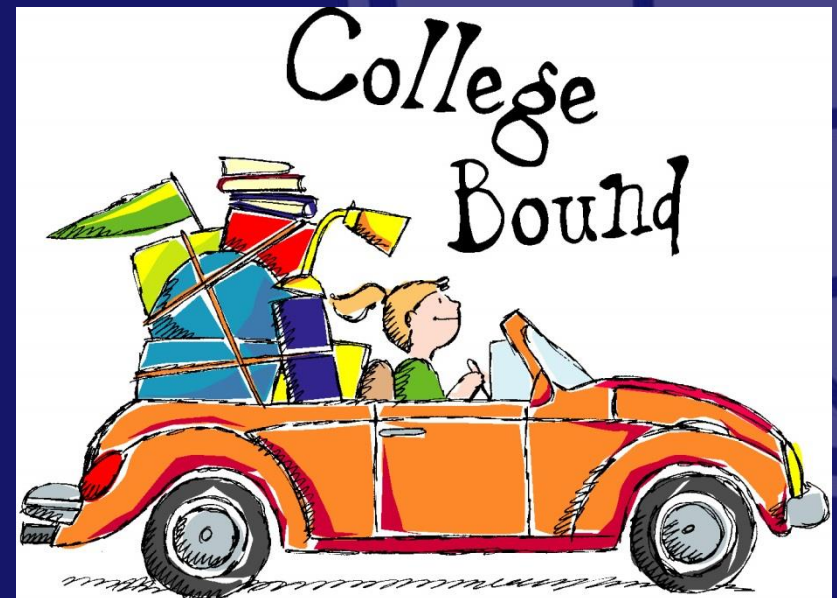
Community Colleges

- ◆ Community colleges offer a great start
- ◆ STARS
- ◆ Dual Credit
 - ACCC & Stockton



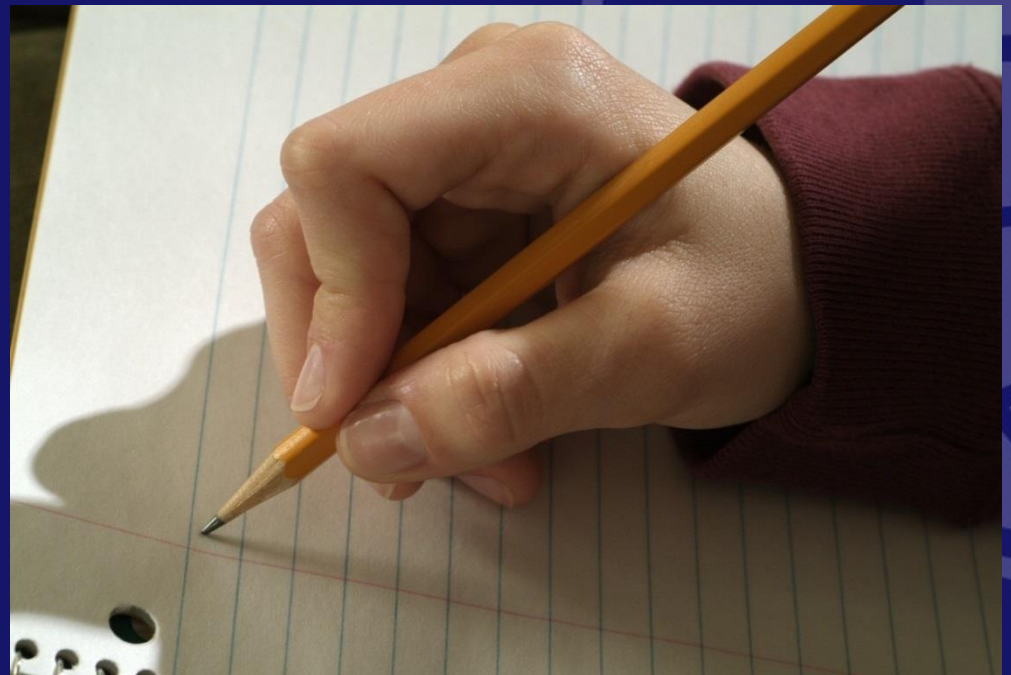
ACCC Jump Start

- ◆ Jump Start Overview
 - Orientation
 - Placement Test
 - Course Selection



Narrow It Down

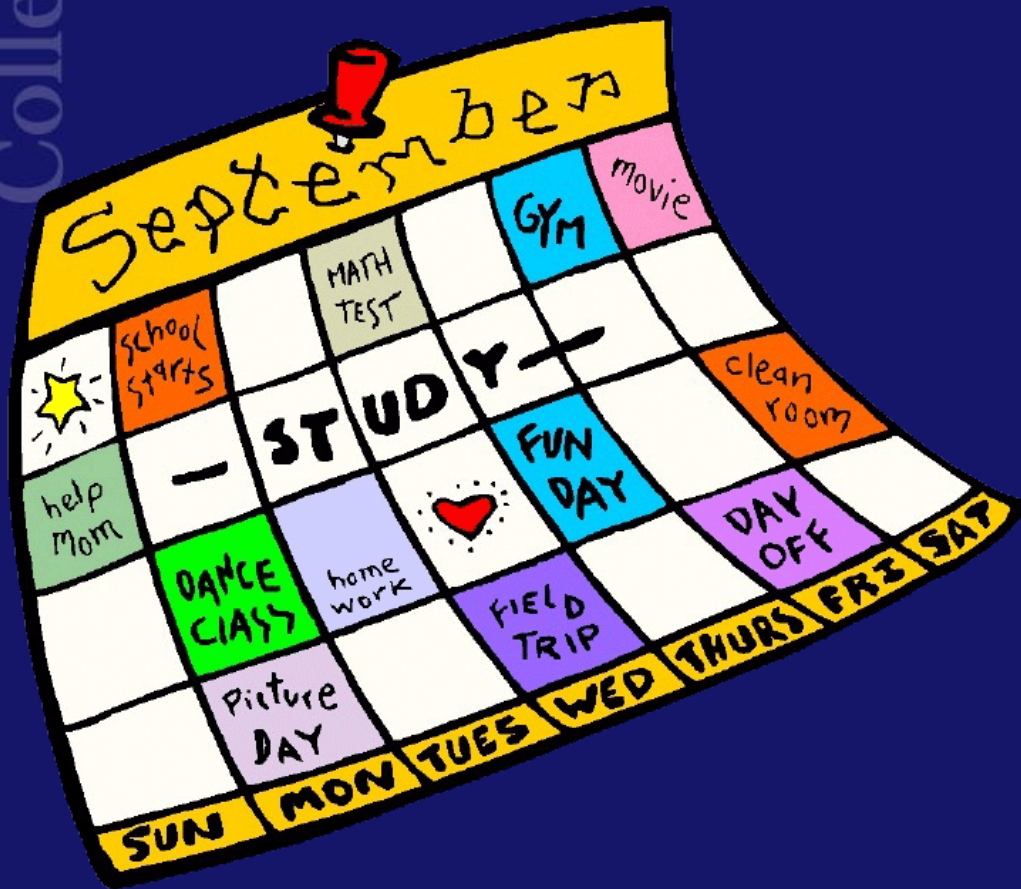
- ◆ Two “safe” schools
- ◆ Two “good” fits
- ◆ Two “reach” schools



Start Applying!



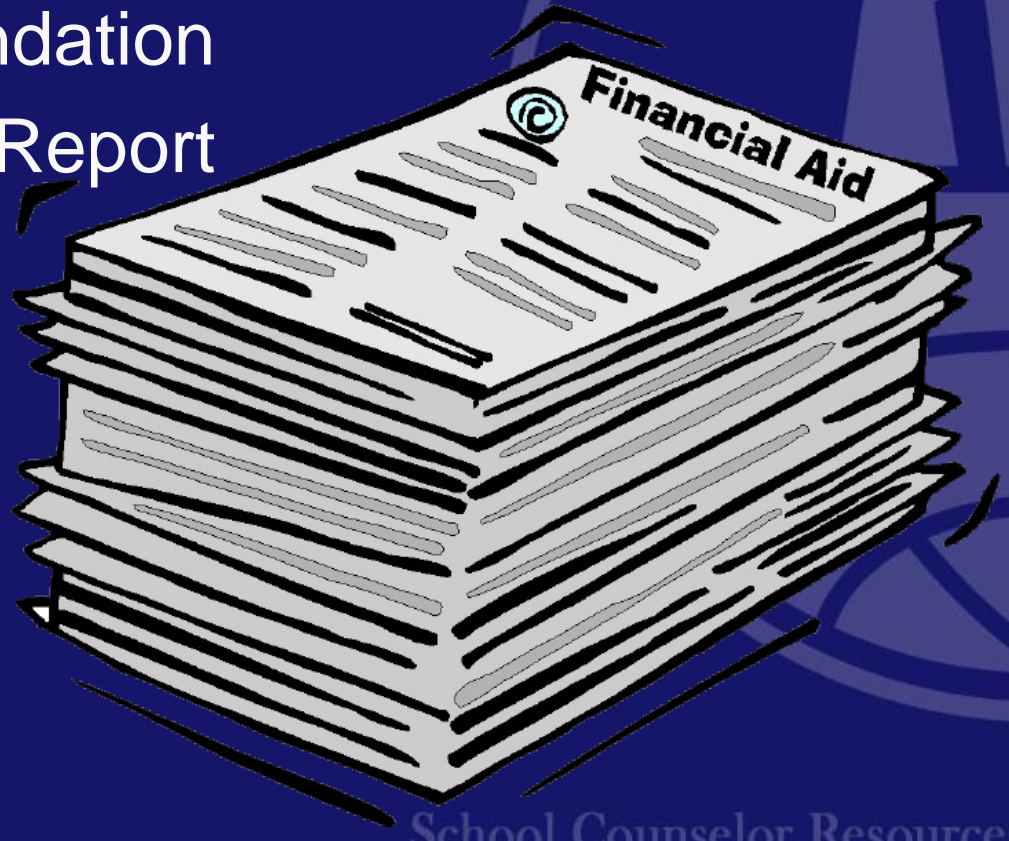
When Should I Apply?



- ◆ Early Decision (ED)
- ◆ Early Action
- ◆ Single Choice EA
- ◆ Regular Decision
- ◆ Rolling Admission

How Do I Apply?

- ◆ Application forms / Common App
- ◆ Naviance
- ◆ Letter of recommendation
- ◆ Secondary School Report
- ◆ Essay
- ◆ Transcripts
- ◆ Test scores
- ◆ Interview



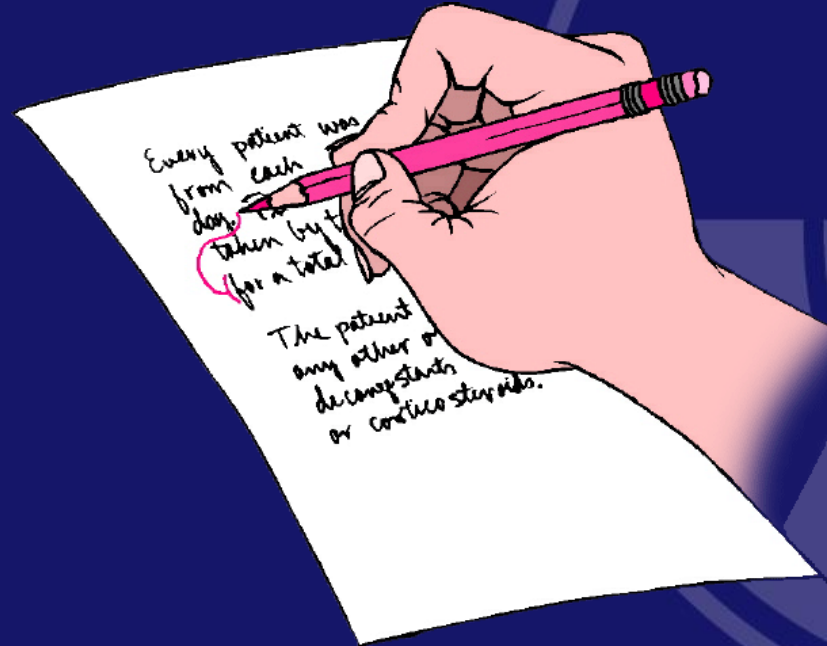
Letter of Recommendation

- ◆ Naviance Requests
- ◆ 2 weeks notice
- ◆ Careful consideration
- ◆ Accomplishments
- ◆ Thank you note



Personal Essay

- ◆ Answer the question
- ◆ Engaging
- ◆ Obstacle
- ◆ Proofread



Transcripts & Scores

- ◆ High school
 - Official
- ◆ SAT or ACT
 - Sent from CB/ACT
- ◆ AP Scores
 - Sent from CB



Top Ten College Application Mistakes

10. Missing deadlines
9. Missing application materials
8. Weak essay
7. Grammatical errors
6. Waiting until the last minute

Top Ten College Application Mistakes

5. Extracurricular “laundry list”
4. Inappropriate email address
3. Social media postings
2. Not telling your counselor
1. Parent/Guardian applying 😊

SCHOLARSHIPS



- ◆ Local, Regional, National
- ◆ Scholarship Searches
- ◆ College Specific
- ◆ Community Based
- ◆ Employer Based
- ◆ H.S. Guidance Website

Academic Scholarships

- ◆ College-specific
 - Grades
 - Test scores
 - Service/community involvement
 - Extracurricular involvement
 - Special talents/interests
 - Athletic Scholarships

You May Be Eligible For:

1. Grants

2. Special Loans

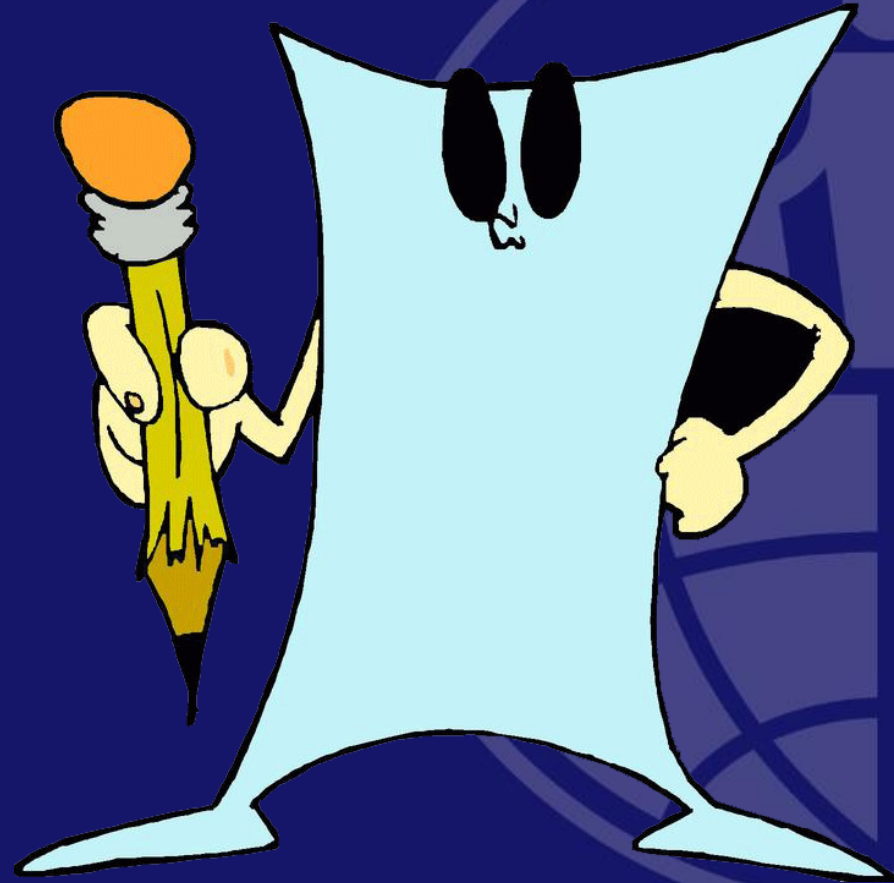
3. Work Study

4. Other Types of Funding

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Complete the FAFSA

Free
Application
for Federal
Student
Aid



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Prior-Prior Year

- ◆ FAFSA Application now available October 1
- ◆ Current Seniors will use 2017 tax information



Where Can I Learn More?

Department of Education Office of
Federal Student Aid

◆ www.studentaid.ed.gov

National Association for College
Admission Counseling

◆ www.nacacnet.org/ppy

National Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators

◆ www.nasfaa.org/ppystudents

Financial Aid Night

- ◆ Financial Aid Info
- ◆ Sponsored by HESAA (*Higher Education Student Assistance Authority*)
- ◆ October 18, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

Don't Be Afraid to Go to College!

- ◆ Counselors
- ◆ Teachers
- ◆ Internet
- ◆ Guides
- ◆ Visits



