



## Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA

Dear Pine View Seniors and Parents,

The 2024-2025 revised and simplified [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) will open in December.

We *strongly* recommend that all families complete the *FAFSA* regardless of their financial circumstances, and that it be submitted as early as possible.

There are significant advantages to completing the FAFSA. First. Colleges require FAFSA completion for financial aid eligibility. This includes need-based grants, work study opportunities and federal loans, and in many cases, *merit-based* scholarship opportunities.

Second. Parents and students completing the FAFSA *early* avail themselves of grant and scholarship funding *first*. This assures that financial aid award letters are received earlier and can thus be reviewed, compared, and even negotiated. Those that wait to apply, will receive their award letter later; making college comparisons and decisions more difficult.

Finally. Completion of the FAFSA may actually confer other advantages in terms of college *admission*.

Once the revised FAFSA is launched resources for completing it will appear on the student aid.gov website located here: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>