



12TH GRADE FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

SCHOLARSHIPS

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- SIGN UP FOR THE DOLLARS4COLLEGE NEWSLETTER: [BIT.LY/DOLLARS4COLLEGESIGNUP](https://bit.ly/dollars4collegesignup)
 - WRITE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY(S) USING STORY2 RESOURCES
 - APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & READ DOLLARS4COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

- ### FAFSA
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- CREATE YOUR FSA ID AT [FSAID.ED.GOV](https://fsaid.ed.gov)
 - GATHER ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION AND FILL OUT FAFSA AT [STUDENTAID.GOV](https://studentaid.gov), BY MAIL OR ON MOBILE APP @MYSTUDENTAID
 - SUBMIT FAFSA (OPENS OCT 1) AND MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO REJECTION ERRORS - CORRECT APPLICATION AS NEEDED
 - CHECK EMAIL AND IF SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION FOLLOW ALL REQUESTED STEPS

OTHER FINANCIAL AID

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- BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1 SUBMIT DC-TAG APPLICATION AT [OSSE.DC.GOV/DCTAG](https://osse.dc.gov/dctag)
 - RESEARCH IF THE SCHOOLS YOU ARE APPLYING TO REQUIRE THE CSS PROFILE AND IF THEY DO SUBMIT IT AT [CSSPROFILE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org)
 - REACH OUT TO YOUR COUNSELOR AND/OR COLLEGE AND CAREER COORDINATOR IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL HELP