

**MARCH FOR FAMILIES OF 12THGRADE STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS**

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High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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### **What Happens After You Complete the FAFSA**

Once students submit the FAFSA, the family’s financial information is analyzed using the federal need formula.

**The Student Aid Report (SAR)**

After the information students have provided is analyzed, they will receive a SAR that contains the data they entered on the FAFSA. The U.S. Department of Education will send this form to the student either by email or by postal mail.

Students should review the SAR carefully for errors (the form highlights items that may need attention) and follow directions for making and submitting corrections. Submit corrections promptly. They should keep a copy of the SAR for their records.

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**

On the front page of the SAR, your child will find a figure called the expected family contribution (EFC). The EFC is an indicator of your family’s financial strength. It is sent to your state scholarship agency as well as to the colleges your child listed on the FAFSA. They use this number to determine your child’s financial aid award. Learn more about the [EFC](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/paying-your-share/the-expected-family-contribution-efc-faqs).

**Other Financial Aid Forms**

After students complete the FAFSA, they should make sure to submit any additional financial aid forms that their colleges require. For example, some colleges require them to submit the [CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-101/how-to-complete-the-css-financial-aid-profile) or their own forms.

**Help with the FAFSA**

If you have questions about the application, FAFSA on the Web or federal financial aid for students in general, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) at 1-800-4-FED-AID (433-3243) / TTY 800-730-8913

**Note**: This information only applies to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It does not apply to students who complete the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA).

**Did You Know?**

While living on campus means additional costs, a student’s financial aid award will include funds for living expenses. The experience of living in a residence hall on a college campus is unique. It allows students to be more connected with their classmates and activities happening on campus. The university itself is its own community, and being a part of this community will help students grow and stay connected to important resources.



**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

* **March 1st After School Tutoring**
* **March 3rd & 4th No School**
* **March 8th After School Tutoring**
* **March 10th Cosmetology presentation during Core/Flex and After School Tutoring**
* **March 15th After School Tutoring**
* **March 17th Dental Assistant presentation during Core/Flex and After School Tutoring**
* **March 22nd After School Tutoring**
* **March 24th Aviation presentation during Core/Flex and After School Tutoring**
* **March 29th & 31st No After School Tutoring- Conferences**

# **MYTH:** College will be way too hard. It's just not for my kid.

**REALITY**: There are many options for students after high school. There are apprenticeships, on-the-job training programs, community college certificates, two-year degrees, and four-year degrees.

In some ways, college may be harder than high school. But in other ways, college may actually be easier than high school.

Students may not get the grades they expected or got in high school; however, college offers them the opportunity to explore their academic interests and pursue areas of study in which they know they will succeed.

Colleges also offer opportunities to help students succeed in school, get to know their professors, and find other helpful resources on campus like tutoring and other support services.

**Myth Buster**

**Student Checklist**

* **Register for the April ACT in March.** Talk to your counselor if you need a test fee waiver.
* **If your college requests additional financial aid forms, complete and return them ASAP!** Some aid is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Returning forms in a timely manner helps ensure that you will receive the best financial aid package.
* **Complete your High School and Beyond Plan.**
* **Check with your counselor** and make sure you’re on-track to meet graduation requirements.
* **Write thank you note**s to everyone who helped you during your college application process.

**Family Checklist**

* **If you child plans to take the ACT, make sure he or she is registered.** Have your child talk to the counselor if a test fee waiver is needed.
* **If any of the college requests additional financial aid forms, be sure your child completes and return them ASAP!** Returning forms in a timely manner helps ensure that you will receive the best financial aid package.
* **Encourage your child to check with the counselor** and make sure he or she is on-track to meet graduation requirements.