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Dear SRTC Seniors and Parents of Seniors,

If you are considering applying to college for next fall, **it's time to complete your FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) now. Here's the link: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. You can find helpful information on how to create your FSA (Federal Student Aid) IDs and file a FAFSA here: [What You Need to File](https://www.famemaine.com/affording-education/pay-for-school/get-financial-aid/fafsa/) (<https://www.famemaine.com/affording-education/pay-for-school/get-financial-aid/fafsa/>)

Need help with the FAFSA?

The wonderful staff at FAME (Finance Authority of Maine) are a great resource. They are available to help you **for free in person here at SRTC on Wednesday, October 19th at 6-8pm. Both the student and a parent must attend this event** to participate, as it is no longer possible for a parent to access the FAFSA without the student being present. Prior to attending, please review the [Get Ready to File the 2023-2024 FAFSA checklist](https://www.famemaine.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FAFSA-Checklist-2023-24_FINAL.pdf) (https://www.famemaine.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FAFSA-Checklist-2023-24_FINAL.pdf). **The checklist includes items you'll need to have available at the event. Drop-ins are welcome. Registration is encouraged if possible. Register here: In-Person FAFSA help session at SRTC October 19th, 6pm** (<https://www.famemaine.com/events/fafsa-help-session-7>)

FAME also has Virtual FAFSA Help Sessions!

Filing the FAFSA as early as possible is the best way to maximize financial aid eligibility. If you have questions or want help filing, FAME is here for you!

Join FAME for a free Virtual FAFSA Help sessions. At these sessions, a brief FAFSA overview is provided to answer the most commonly asked questions, followed by private, **individualized virtual help from FAME staff**. These **virtual help sessions** are coming up very soon... register on the links below (or at <https://www.famemaine.com/affording-education/pay-for-school/get-financial-aid/fafsa/>)

[Wednesday, October 12, 6pm](#)

[Thursday, October 27, 6 pm](#)

If you are unable to attend one of the help sessions in October and need assistance, contact FAME at the website www.famemaine.com website or at 1-800-228-3734 (M-F, 8AM-4:30PM). You can also contact Jen Bartlett, Career Planning Coordinator at SRTC, for FAFSA help at jbartlett@sanford.org or 207-206-1767.