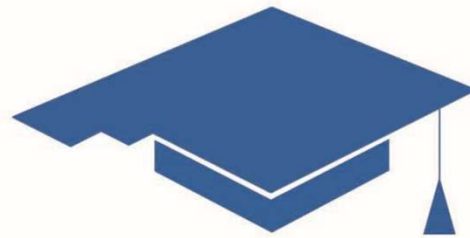


Welcome Class of 2025!

Basics of Financial Aid and the FAFSA® Process



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NMEAF Outreach Presentation

Agenda

- Researching Schools & Careers
- Federal and State Financial Aid?
- Federal Student Aid Identification (**FSA ID**)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**®)
- Register for NMEAF \$500 FAFSA Scholarships



Senior year!

Finish Strong during the last year in high school

- **GPA** – Colleges may use your GPA for scholarship opportunities.
- **ACT/SAT** – Practice for your ACT/SAT exam.
 - **Exam Optional ?**
- **Where to start** – small school, large school, in-state, out-of-state, *cost considerations*, close to...
- **Types of Schools** – Colleges, Universities, Community Colleges, Trade Schools. (Career Certifications)





College and Career Planning Checklist

Keep track of key steps to take during each grade of high school to help you plan for college and career.

[Sign In to See Your Progress](#)

9th Grade

10th Grade

11th Grade

12th Grade



<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/checklist/12th-grade>

CollegeBoard

Access

11th Grade

College Planning: 11th Grade

Junior year marks a turning point. This is because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear. Here are some things you can do this year to stay on track for college.

FALL

☐ Start with you: Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.

☐ Learn about colleges: Look at their websites and find colleges at bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search. Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent grads of your school now in college. List the college features that interest you.

☐ Resource check: Visit the counseling office and meet the counselors there. Is there a college night for students and families? When will college representatives visit your school? (Put the dates in your calendar.) Examine catalogs and guides.

WINTER

☐ Sign up to take the SAT in the spring. You can register online or through your school. SAT fee waivers are available to eligible students. To prepare for the SAT, you can access free, personalized SAT practice tools at satpractice.org, including thousands of interactive questions, video lessons, practice tests, and more.

☐ Begin a search for financial aid sources. National sources include the College Board's Scholarship Search and electronic sources. Don't overlook local and state aid sources. (Ask a counselor for help or check your public library.)

☐ With your family, make an appointment with your counselor to discuss ways to improve your college-preparation and selection processes.

☐ At school, speak to your counselor about taking the PSAT/NMSQT, which is given in October. If you plan to ask for testing accommodations (because of a disability), be sure the College Board has approved your eligibility.

☐ Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data. If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.

☐ Estimate your financial aid need. Financial aid can help you afford college. Use the College Board's [Getting Financial Aid](#) and the financial aid calculator at bigfuture.org to estimate how much aid you might receive.

☐ Ask a counselor or teacher about taking the SAT Subject Tests in the spring. You should take them while course material is still fresh in your mind. You can download [The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide](#), which offers test-prep advice, from SATSubjectTests.org.

☐ Explore AP. The Advanced Placement Program helps hundreds of thousands of high school students achieve their college dreams each year. Get the facts at apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap. If you're in AP classes, register for the AP Exams given in May.

☐ Opt in to the College Board Opportunity Scholarships at cbopportunity.org. You can earn scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 by completing individual college planning steps. Complete all six steps and you'll be eligible for the \$40,000 scholarship.

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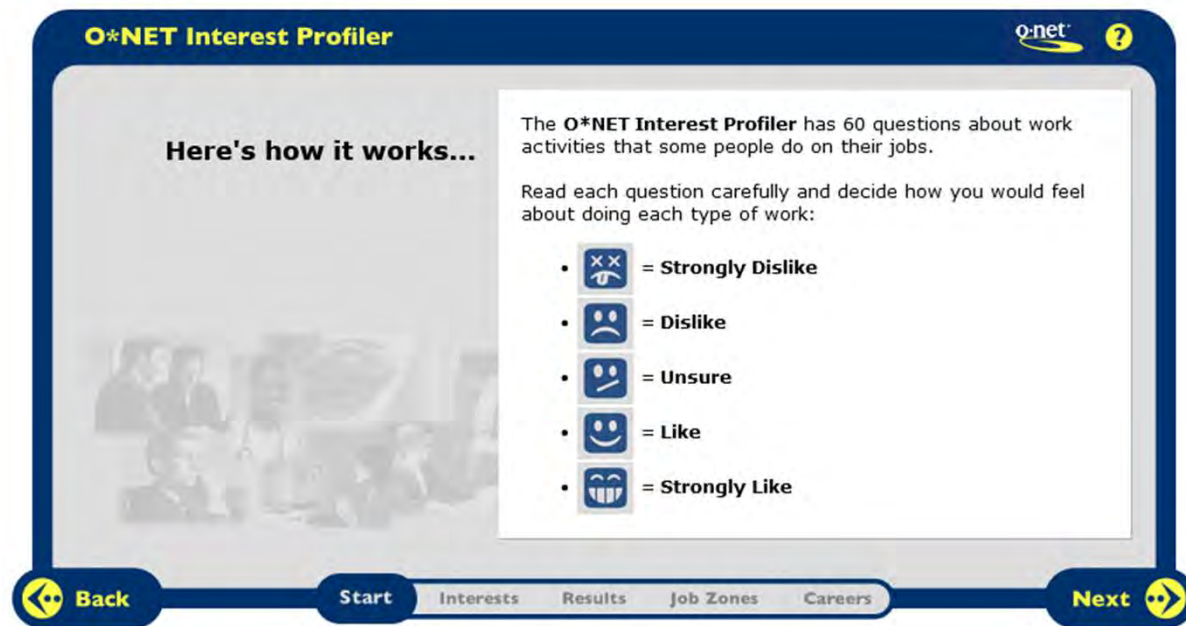


<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Know your interest



— MY NEXT MOVE



<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

Interest inventories are questionnaires that ask you to rate your interest in a wide variety of activities.

Researching Careers



U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Get the CareerInfo app for the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH).

Scan with your device



iOS



Android

OCCUPATION	JOB SUMMARY	ENTRY-LEVEL EDUCATION	2022 MEDIAN PAY
Computer Support Specialists	Computer support specialists maintain computer networks and provide technical help to computer users.	See How to Become One	\$59,660
Computer Systems Analysts	Computer systems analysts study an organization's current computer systems and design ways to improve efficiency.	Bachelor's degree	
Database Administrators and Architects	Database administrators and architects create or organize systems to store and secure data.	Bachelor's degree	
Information Security Analysts	Information security analysts plan and carry out security measures to protect an organization's computer networks and systems.	Bachelor's degree	
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	Network and computer systems administrators install, configure, and maintain organizations' computer networks and systems.	Bachelor's degree	
Software Developers, Quality Assurance Analysts, and Testers	Software developers design computer applications or programs. Software quality assurance analysts and testers identify problems with applications or programs and report defects.	Bachelor's degree	
Web Developers and Digital Designers	Web developers create and maintain websites. Digital designers develop, create, and test website or interface layout, functions, and navigation for usability.	Bachelor's degree	

Computer Systems Analysts

PRINTER-FRIENDLY

Summary

What They Do

Work Environment

How to Become One

Pay

Job Outlook

State & Area Data

Similar Occupations

More Info

Summary

Quick Facts: Computer Systems Analysts

2022 Median Pay	\$102,240 per year \$49.15 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education	Bachelor's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	None
Number of Jobs, 2022	531,400
Job Outlook, 2022-32	10% (Much faster than average)
Employment Change, 2022-32	51,100



What Computer Systems Analysts Do

Computer systems analysts study an organization's current computer systems and design ways to improve efficiency.

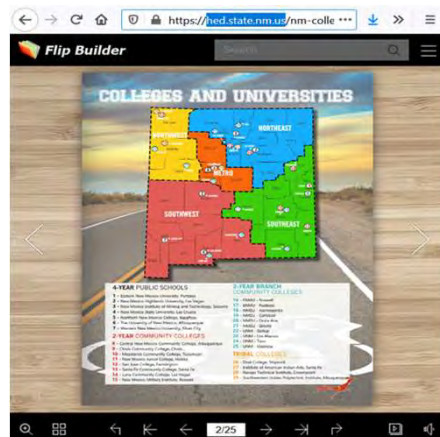
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Where can I research schools?

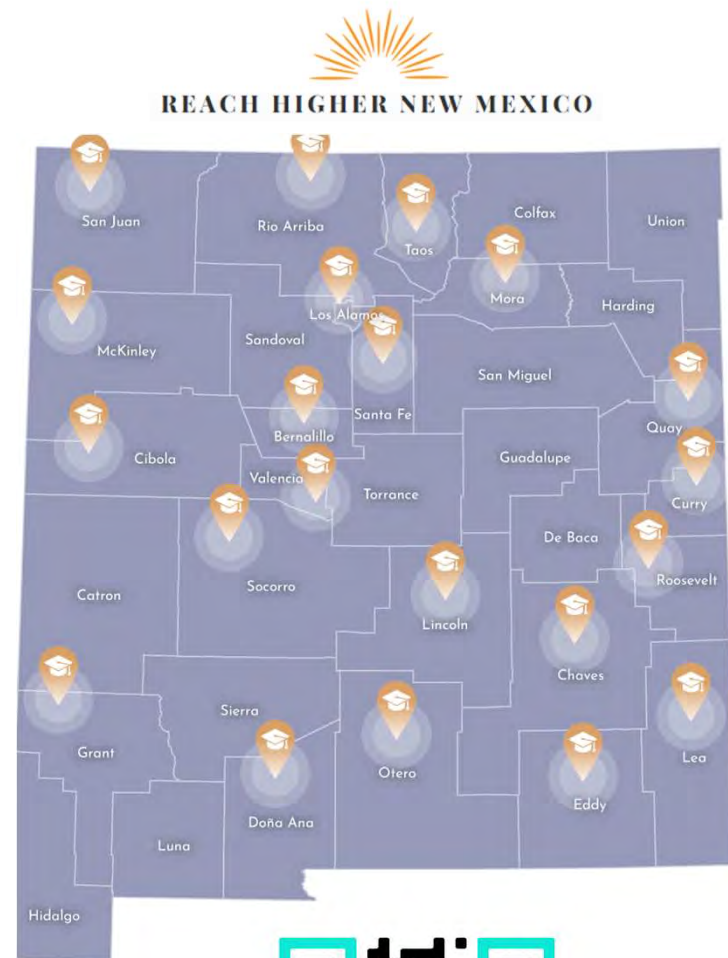


COLLEGE SCORECARD



NM Public Colleges and Universities

<https://hed.state.nm.us/nm-college-guide/>



<https://www.reachhighernm.com/#schools-grid>

What is Financial Aid?

Types of Federal Aid:

- **Grants & Scholarships** (Gift Aid)
- **Borrowed**
Direct Loans
- **Earned**
 - Work-Study



<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/do-you-need-money.pdf>

State Aid

Need Help?
Contact us at 1-800-279-9777
FIN.AID@HED.NM.GOV



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<https://hed.state.nm.us/financial-aid>



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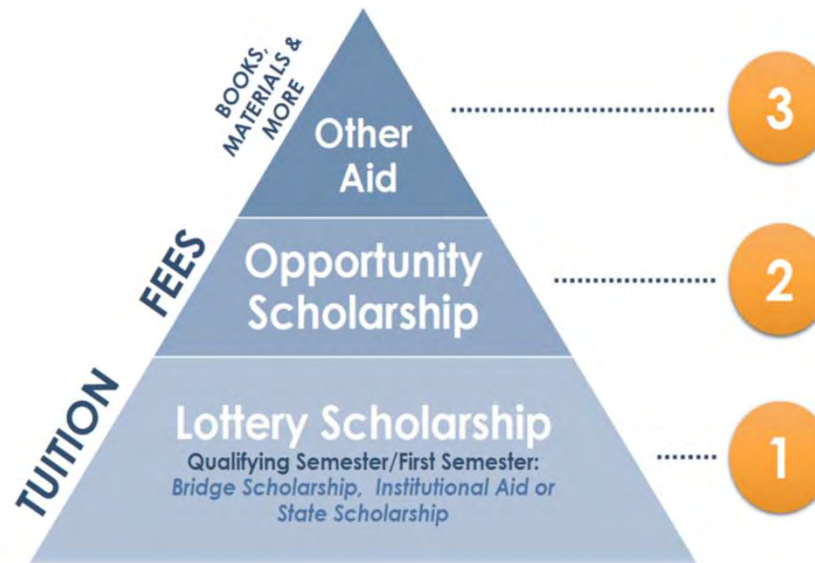


State Aid

How do I qualify for the Lottery Scholarship?

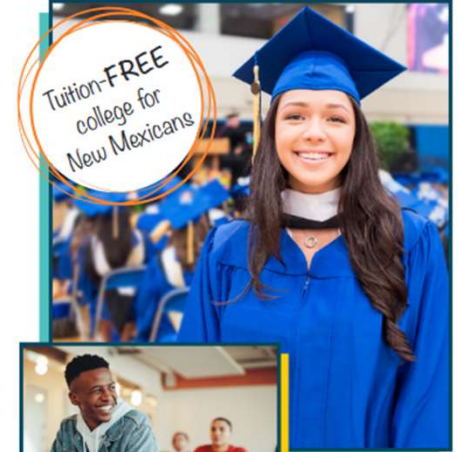
To qualify for the Lottery Scholarship, you will need to:

- Enroll full-time at a New Mexico public college or university within 16 months of high school graduation or completion of a high school equivalency or home school certificate. Full-time means:
 - 15 credit hours at a four-year university
 - 12 credit hours at a community college
- Achieve and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
- Maintain full-time enrollment every fall and spring semesters.



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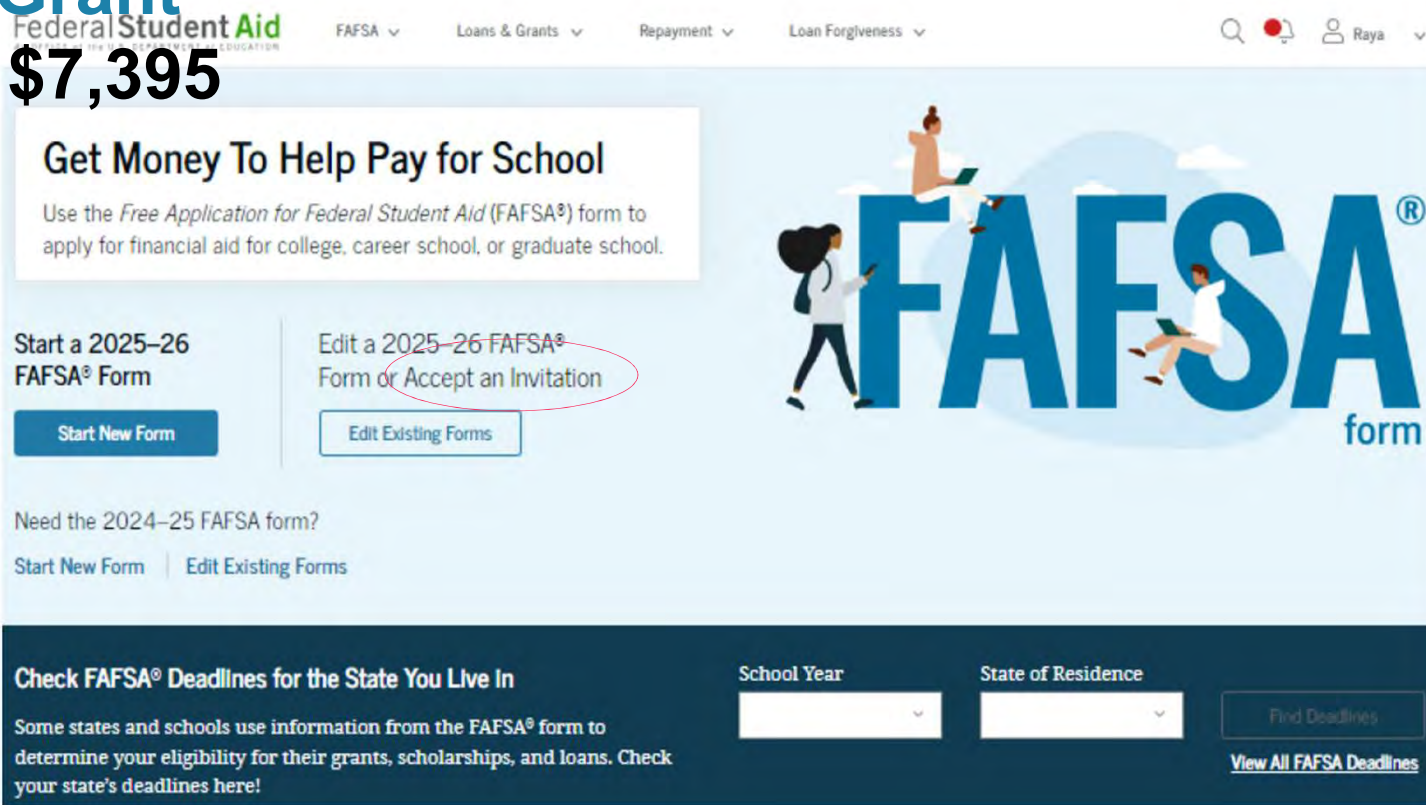
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Federal Aid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Pell Grant
Up to \$7,395



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for FAFSA, Loans & Grants, Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. A search bar and a user profile icon labeled 'Raya' are on the right. The main content area features a large blue 'FAFSA' logo with the word 'form' underneath. To the left of the logo, there's a section titled 'Get Money To Help Pay for School' with a subtext: 'Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.' Below this, there are two buttons: 'Start a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form' and 'Edit a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form or Accept an Invitation'. A blue arrow points to the 'Start a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form' button. Below these buttons, there's a section titled 'Need the 2024–25 FAFSA form?' with links for 'Start New Form' and 'Edit Existing Forms'. At the bottom, there's a section titled 'Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In' with a text box explaining that some states and schools use FAFSA information to determine eligibility. There are dropdown menus for 'School Year' and 'State of Residence', a 'Find Deadlines' button, and a link to 'View All FAFSA Deadlines'.

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[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)

<https://studentaid.ed.gov>



Before you Apply

Create your Account (FSA ID)

The **Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID** is a **username** and **password** that is required to log in and access all Federal Student Aid websites, including the **FAFSA**.

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

[Get Started](#)

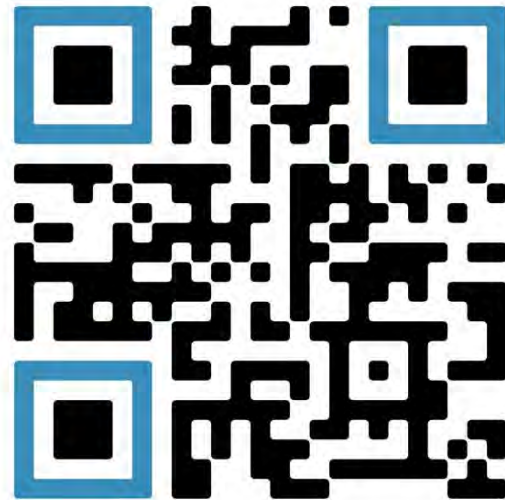
Already have an account? [Log In](#)

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note (MPN)*
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

What You'll Need

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address



<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

FSA ID

Who needs a FSA ID

Contributors will need to log in with their own **FSA ID** to provide their information. **To invite a contributor to your FAFSA form**, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address.

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1 Personal Circumstances 2 Demographics 3 Financials 4 Colleges 5 Signature

Invite Parent(s) to This FAFSA® Form



We Need Information for Your Parent(s) Now

Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA® form. This doesn't make them financially responsible for your education. You can invite one or both of your parents to your form now and have them complete their required sections.

Enter information about your parent(s) identified on the prior page, and we'll send an email on your behalf.

If they already have a StudentAid.gov account username and password (FSA ID), the information entered here must exactly match that account.

IMPORTANT: If your contributor doesn't have a Social Security number, you may encounter an issue that impacts your ability to add them to your form. If you receive this error, review the guidance and recommended workaround and try again.

Use the email address that is most likely to reach your contributor. Unlike the other information provided, the email address doesn't need to match the email associated with their StudentAid.gov account.



Parent

Invite sent to Dana Scully



Parent Spouse or Partner

Invite sent to Fox Mulder

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Which contributor (Parent) do I invite?

Who is My Parent Tool?-should be used before the FAFSA is started to determine which parent(s) will need to be contributors on the FAFSA -

<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents>

Who counts as a parent on the FAFSA® form?

A student may need to ask their parent(s) to provide information on their FAFSA form based on the student's **dependency status**.

This tool helps determine which parent(s) should participate in a student's **FAFSA form**.



To begin using the tool, enter the first name of the student's legal parent(s).

This helps us provide clear direction on which parent(s) should participate in the student's FAFSA form.

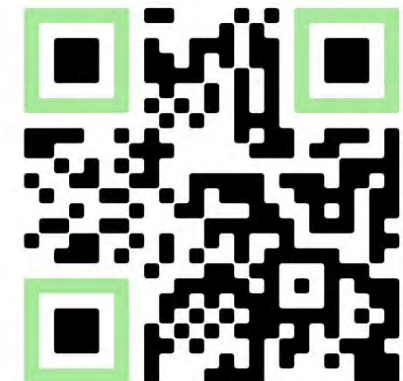
Who is considered a legal parent?

First Name (Parent 1)

First Name (Parent 2)

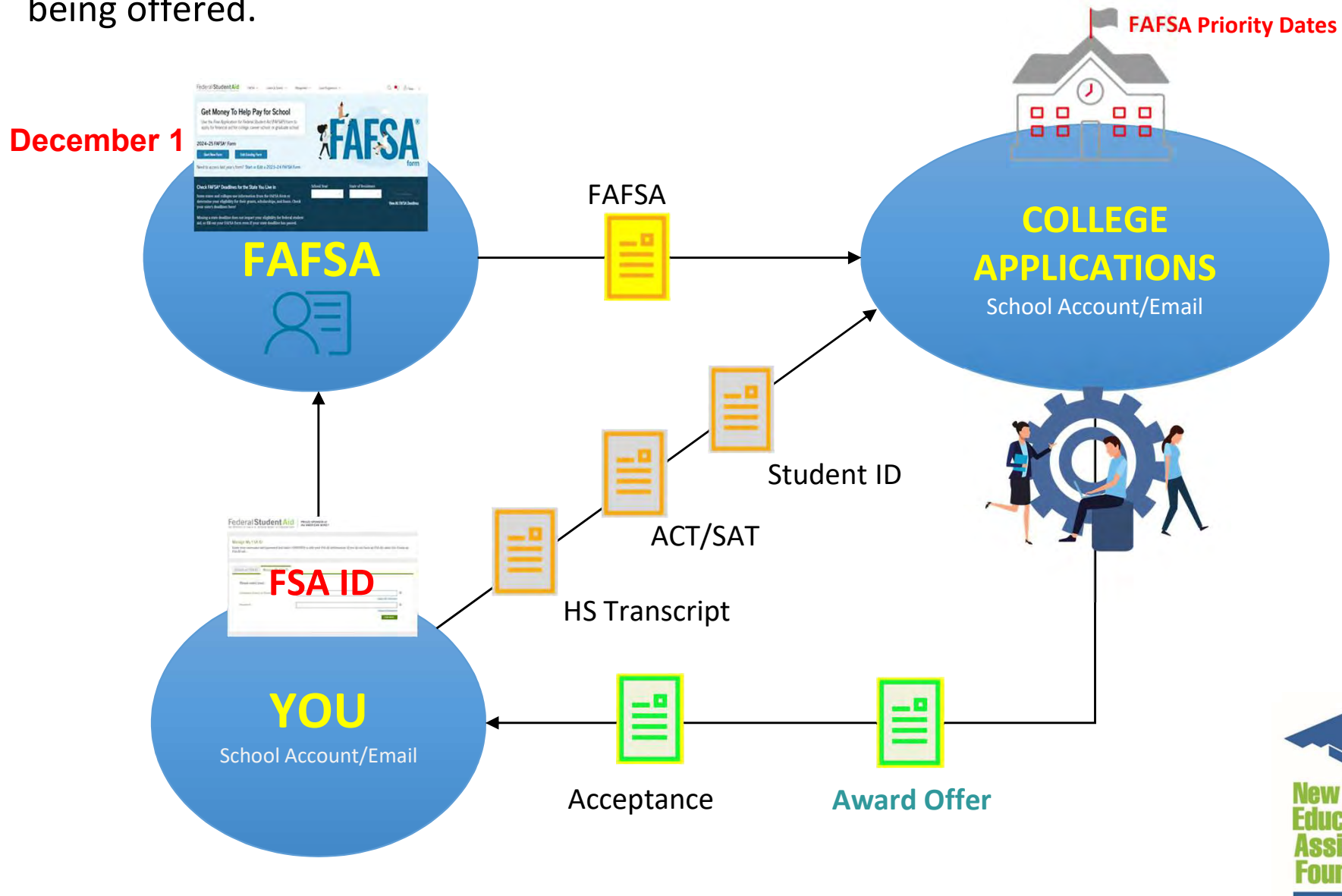
☐ The student has only one legal parent.

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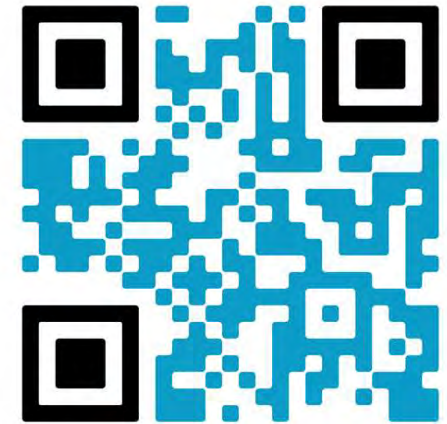
College Applications – Award offers

Financial aid award offers outline the details of the financial aid package you are being offered.



Researching Scholarships

<https://www.nmeaf.org/plan-pay-for-college/scholarships/>



Tip - Never pay to apply!
Eligibility and Deadlines!

Local businesses, banks, **non-profit organizations** & churches, Parent's employers, etc.



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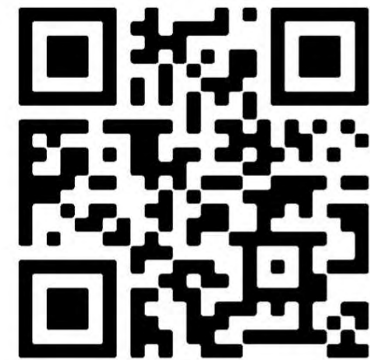


Your **high school counselor** is one of your best resources for scholarships searches.

\$500 FAFSA Scholarships

Class of 2025

High school seniors *can register to*
win \$500 Scholarships



<https://www.nmeaf.org/FAFSA-Scholarship>

LOCAL NM HELP



<https://qrco.de/bf9O82>

The process is free and easy. Every Monday from 3-6PM, students and/or parents can log in to our virtual help session, Money Mondays. At Money Mondays, we have professionals from the local universities and other volunteers there to help you complete the FAFSA or simply answer questions about continuing your education.

FAFSA Money Mondays Virtual Workshops

NMEAF FAFSA BROCHURES



FAFSA Brochure

Download our FAFSA Guide



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