

2023 – 2024 FAFSA FAST FACTS

- The 2023-2024 FAFSA opens on October 1, 2022 at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>
- Apply early & remember to use 2021 tax information. Provide frequently used personal email address when completing the FAFSA to receive updates. Students and parents must each use their own separate and personal email addresses.
- Use the school codes listed in FAFSA to list each college that a student is applying to.
- The student and at least one parent needs to create an FSA ID at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> to electronically sign the FAFSA. The student will also need to provide your Social Security Number (SSN). ****Double check to be sure you have recorded the correct SSN.****
- Parent is defined as a biological parent, stepparent, or legally adopted parent. Parents without a SSN can enter all zeros (000-00-0000) and will need to provide a signed FAFSA signature page to the Department of Education.
- Print and read your Student Aid Report
- List your SSN on your admission application (Common App, Coalition, School Application). ****Do not guess...make sure you record your SSN correctly.****
- Check the email account(s) listed on your FAFSA and your FSA ID regularly.

Students ineligible for federal student aid but who meet state financial aid program and residency requirements should complete the Virginia Alternative State Aid Application or VASA at VASAapp.org instead of the FAFSA form.

Don't forget to search and apply for scholarships offered by universities as well as community-based scholarships.

Questions? See Mrs. Young in the WPHS Career Center or email me kbyoung1@fcps.edu