



## LETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Happy New Year, Parents and Guardians! It's hard to believe your senior's final semester of high school is already here. With the new year comes new opportunities to set them up for their next chapter. Start by applying for the [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#). It offers free money for community college, university or career training. It's not tied to GPA and is less income-based than you might think.

Just submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) to apply.

The FAFSA also opens the door to additional scholarships, grants, work-study funds and loans. Wherever your senior is headed, there's money to help them get there.

**Time is running out to unlock thousands of dollars for college or career training. Follow these three steps to complete the FAFSA today:**

1. **Gather Social Security numbers and income info** (like bank balances and tax returns) for you and your child.
2. **Create [StudentAid.gov](#) accounts** for you, your senior and any other contributors. Accounts are instantly verified so you can start filling out your FAFSA right away.
3. **Fill out the [FAFSA](#) together** — it takes most families 30 minutes or less to complete! (The sooner you do, the more money your child could get.)

This time of year can feel like a whirlwind — but you're not in it alone. If you have any questions or need support filling out the FAFSA, please reach out. I'm here to help your senior finish strong and step confidently into what's next.

Inspired to go back to school yourself? You've helped your senior unlock money for their future — now it's your turn. With [Michigan Reconnect](#), eligible adults 25+ can earn an associate degree or skills certificate, **TUITION-FREE!** Because every generation deserves a fresh start.