

# LAST CHANCE TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA BEFORE GRADUATION!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Graduation is almost here. If you haven't completed the **FAFSA** with your senior, now is the time! We know the end of senior year can be busy, but if you skip the FAFSA, your child could miss out on thousands for college or career training.

**Concerned your family makes too much to qualify for money through the FAFSA?** Your senior could be eligible for more than you expect! The FAFSA is the key to unlocking scholarships that aren't as income-based as you might think (like the **Michigan Achievement Scholarship**) — and qualifying for funding at the college or program that's right for them. No matter your household income, it's worth it to submit the FAFSA.

Filling out the FAFSA might feel like one long, complicated thing to add to a very full end-of-year list. The good news? **Most families complete it in just 30 minutes or less** and the form is only 36 questions.

## Just 3 Steps to Complete the FAFSA

1. Gather **Social Security numbers** and income info (like bank balances and tax returns).
2. Create **StudentAid.gov** accounts for you and your child.
3. Fill out the **FAFSA** together.

We want every senior to step into their next chapter with as many opportunities — and as much financial support — as possible. That's why **we're encouraging every family to complete the FAFSA before graduation**. Let me know if you have any questions or need help filling out the FAFSA.

And if helping your child prepare for graduation has you thinking about going back to school *yourself*, check out **Michigan Reconnect!** Eligible adults 25+ can work toward an associate degree or skills certificate, TUITION-FREE!

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