

Understanding Financial Aid

A great place to start: [Understanding Federal Student Aid video](#)

[Types of Financial Aid](#) available for students.

Students must fill out the FAFSA!!! [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)



- ***NOTE:** If needed, select the white question mark icon next to a FAFSA question to view a "tool tip" that provides information about how to answer that question. If you have a unique circumstance or issue filling out the FAFSA
- [FAFSA Worksheet](#)- Can be used to view/plan for completing the FAFSA
- [HESAA](#) is a helpful site with financial aid counselors who can assist you over the phone.

[NJ Dreamers](#)- Students without citizenship are eligible for state aid

Video Resource: [Solution Prep Financial Aid Presentation \(English Version\)](#) or ([Spanish Version](#))

Once a student is accepted into a college, filling out the FAFSA will ultimately lead to the college/university providing a "financial aid package". What is a financial aid package? A financial aid package is a document that explains the overall costs of attending that college. The following is a [sample financial aid package letter](#) to make it easier to understand.

Money for college is available in several formats

1. Federal/State Money: Students are eligible for money from the federal/state government when the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) is completed.
2. College/University Scholarships: The college/university that a student attends will apply in-house scholarships and grants to the financial aid package that is awarded to the student.
3. Scholarship Websites: National, state and local websites give access to thousands of scholarships that are available to students.
[Scholarship Websites](#)
[Fastweb](#) [Cappex](#) [Collegeboard Scholarship Search](#) [Scholly](#) [Unigo](#)
4. Local Scholarships: NBTHS has a scholarship application that is available in January for high school seniors. This application will be sent via email and will be available on the school website. A committee of staff members meets to review applications-students who will be awarded scholarships will be invited to Senior Night in June.

When in doubt, contact your son/daughter's [School Counselor](#) for assistance.