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## PARENTS,

Give your high school seniors the push they need to cross the finish line before graduation! Here are three ways you can help your senior apply for state and federal financial aid to offset college expenses.

- 1. Create a StudentAid.gov account today! In order to add your financial information to your senior's online FAFSA, you'll need a StudentAid.gov account. You'll use the same account username and password each year to sign your student's online FAFSA. If you have more than one student in college, your account can be used for as many applications as necessary. Use these helpful resources as you navigate the StudentAid.gov account creation process: StudentAid.gov Worksheet and Who Needs a StudentAid.gov Account? flowchart.
- Locate your tax information. Most high school seniors are considered "dependent" students, which means information is needed from you to complete the FAFSA. To complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA, your senior will need information from your 2023 W-2 and tax return.
- 3. Submit the FAFSA early. Gather your income and asset information. so you'll be ready to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after release. The 2025-2026 FAFSA will be released on or before Dec. 1, 2024.

## FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

To create a StudentAid.gov Account	<u>StudentAid.gov</u>
To complete and submit the FAFSA	<u>FAFSA.gov</u>
Tips on planning, preparing and paying for college	<u>UCanGo2.org</u>
Information about FAFSA completion	StartWithFAFSA.org
Information about colleges in OK and nationwide	OKcollegestart.org
Information about colleges nationwide	NCES.ed.gov/CollegeNavigator
Information on money management	OklahomaMoneyMatters.org
Information about the financial aid process	StudentAid.gov

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