**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

Do not start your FAFSA until January 1st,

but get it filed as soon as possible afterwards

**Grants are distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis.**

If you or your parent(s) have not filed FAFSA by January 10th then request assistance if needed.

*Who needs to file?*

You and your parent(s) need to file. If you are not sure which parent(s) will be required to file with you, ask your counselor.

A rule-of-thumb the parent that should file is the one who provides 50% or more of your living.

*Things to bring for both YOU and YOUR PARENT (S):*

* Social Security cards (if you do not have one obtain one as soon as possible)
* Driver’s License (if any)
* Final pay stubs for 2012
* Federal Income Tax Return for 2011
* Untaxed income records
* Current bank statements
* Current business and investment mortgage information, business, and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
* Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a US citizen)

You will be asked to make a FAFSA PIN. This is your password for FAFSA.

**¡Do not share your FAFSA PIN or INFORMATION!**

FAFSA on the *Web* will guide you through the questions that you must answer, and if necessary you can save your application and return to it later if you do not immediately have the information you need to answer any of the questions.

Or call FAFSA through: 1-800-433-3243 or 319-337-5665

For the hearing impaired call: 1-800-730-8913

Or e-mail FAFSA through: FederalStateAidCustomerService@ed.gov