

Welcome Families of the
Class of 2022!



Counseling Office Updates

- New Alphabet Arrangement

- Mr. Grant: A-E



- Mrs. Kienitz: F-L



- Mr. Bushman: M-R



- Mrs. King: S-Z



Upcoming - Senior Record Checks

- Next week - senior record check meetings begin with MHS counselors
 - Credit/Graduation requirement check
 - Postsecondary plan discussion
- Our goal is to have all individual senior meetings completed by the end of September

Post-secondary Plans

What should your
senior student be doing
NOW?

Beyond Morton High School Packet

1. Post-Secondary Options
2. Why Should I Continue My Education?
3. The College Search Process
4. Questions to Consider When Selecting a College
5. Finding a Major
6. The Application Process
7. Financial Aid/Scholarships
8. Monthly Calendar

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[Beyond Morton High School 2020-21](#)

[Junior Parent Night Presentation 19-20](#)

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) information & sign-up. Information and assistance regarding financial aid. Ask your counselor for a connection to this resource.

Steps to College Planning

1. Complete Admissions Application
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
(FAFSA - available online Oct. 1)
3. Receive admission letters, financial aid award letters, and
apply for scholarships
4. Decision Day! Confirm admission and pay deposits

Requesting a Transcript

- Transcripts must be obtained through an online request using Parchment
- Students are responsible for creating their own Parchment account - check their email!
- For updated grades, a new request must be made through Parchment after the end of each semester



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Download the lunch
app for your school
meal benefits



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ONLINE FORMS



POWERSCHOOL



HOTLINE FORM

What's on a transcript?

1. Classes taken
2. Grades received (both passing and failing)
3. GPA
4. Credit hours earned

What's NOT on a transcript?

1. Attendance/Tardy Records
2. Discipline Records
3. Class Rank
4. SAT/ACT Scores

What Else Comes with a Parchment Request?

- Students can select to have UNOFFICIAL SAT/ACT scores included
- The MHS School Profile
 - Class size, average SAT scores, grading scale, courses offered, GPA ranges, etc.

Asking for Letters of Recommendation

- If required, ask a few non-family members for a letter
- Provide recommender with the submission deadline and give them 1-2 weeks to write it
- Provide them with instructions for letter submission
- Expect the letter to remain confidential

Finalizing College Choices

- Where are the college reps tonight?
- Go on college visits (use an LE form!)
- Attend a college fair (ICC - Oct. 20 from 6-8pm)
- Sign up to visit with college reps who come to MHS
- Email college admissions offices for information
- Talk with your student's MHS Counselor

Applying for College

- Research what type of application is needed
 - Early Decision
 - This is a binding commitment
 - Early Action
 - Non-binding but allows for early acceptance
 - Rolling Admissions
 - Acceptances given throughout the year

Applying for College

- If necessary, complete the Common Application
- Be aware of application deadlines!
- Reference the “Beyond Morton High School” packet for detailed information

Step 2: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA - available online Oct. 1)

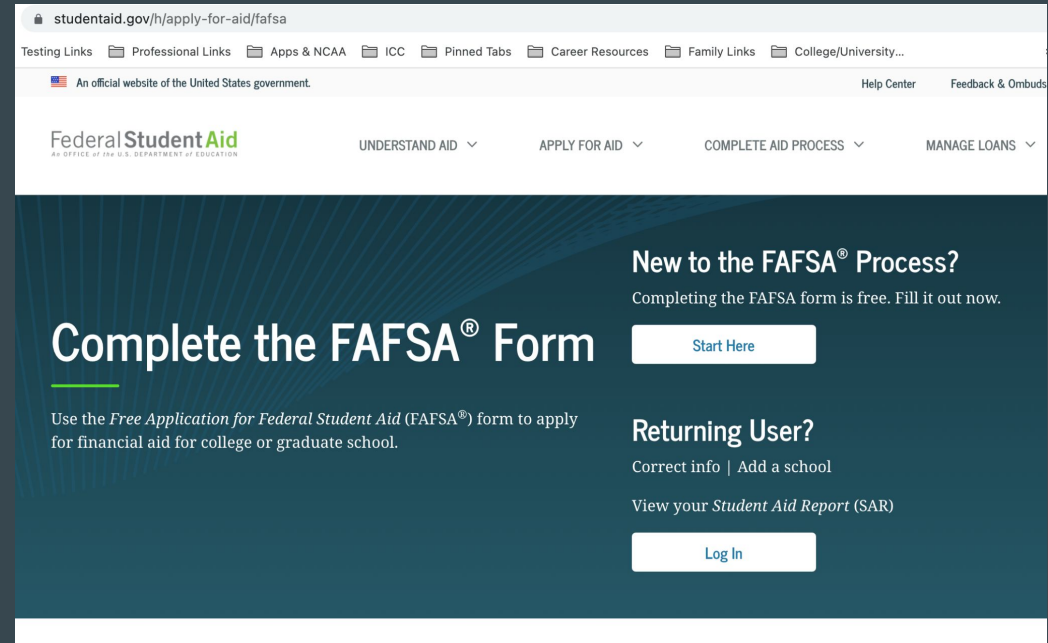
P.S. FAFSA completion is also a graduation requirement.

What is the FAFSA

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the online application that allows a student to apply simultaneously for federal student aid (including the Pell Grant, work-study opportunities, and federal student loans) and the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant.
- Many colleges and universities use it for their aid programs, too.
- The maximum state MAP grant for the 2020-21 school year is \$5,340. The maximum federal Pell grant for the 2020-21 school year is \$6,345.

The FAFSA is FREE!

Do not pay to file it or for help.



- The 2022-2023 FAFSA is not available until October 1.
- Illinois MAP Grant money is dispensed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Federal Pell Grant and student loans are constant and can be retroactively applied.

FAFSA Step 1: Student and Primary Parent Create a FSA ID

1. Go to
<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>


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Create an Account (FSA ID)


Parents


Students


Borrowers

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to complete federal student aid tasks.

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note* (MPN)
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

Items Needed to Create an Account

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

Get Started

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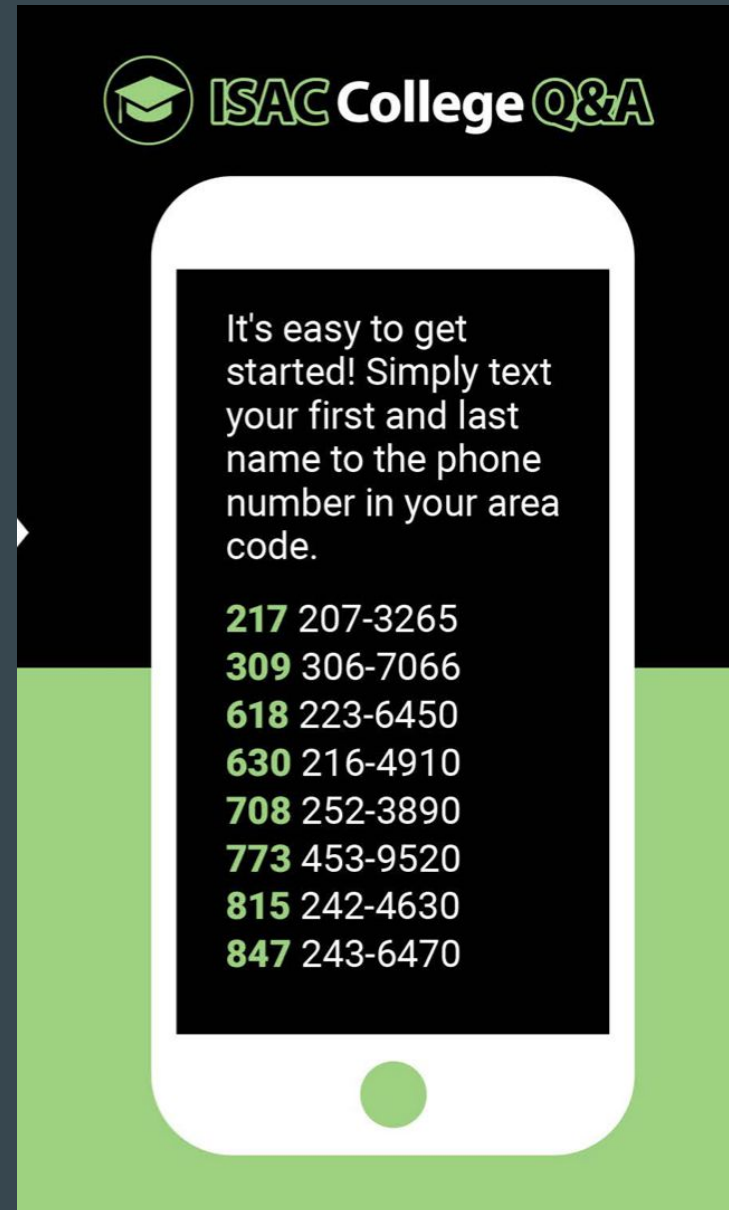
Log In

FAFSA Step 2: Gather and Organize Necessary Documents for You AND Your Student

- **Social Security Number.** Be sure that it is correct!
- **Records of income**, such as income earned from work and business, child support paid or received and any other untaxed income. If you have them, refer to the W-2 Forms or Federal Income Tax Return IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ.
- **Information about assets**, such as savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs; and investment real estate, business and farm.
- **Driver's license number**, if you have one.
- **Dates of birth**, include the month, day and year.
- **Month and year of marriage, separation, divorce or other change in marital status.**
- **Alien Registration Number**, if you (student) are not a U.S. citizen.
- **An FSA ID** to sign electronically. (This can be created beforehand at fsaid.ed.gov, or at the time of application.)
- **List of colleges you are considering.**

FAFSA Step 3: October 1 or After, Complete the FAFSA

- Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Opportunities for Help:
 - Text ISAC
 - Contact Simone Bridgeforth
 - simone.bridgeforth@isac.illinois.gov
 - (309) 408-4175
 - Attend a FAFSA Completion Workshop during Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Work with your accountant
 - Contact the college/university financial aid office



Step 3: Celebrate Completing
Applications and the FAFSA!

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Receive Admission Letters and
Financial Aid Packages

Comparing Financial Aid Award Letters

1. Cost of Attendance (COA)
2. Expected Family Contribution (from the FAFSA)
3. Financial Aid
 - a. grants (free money!)
 - b. scholarships (free money!)
 - c. federal work-study programs (FAFSA)
 - d. federal loans (FAFSA)
4. Out of Pocket Amount

Be ready for “verification.” The financial aid office may ask for the documents used to complete the FAFSA to VERIFY its accuracy.

Dear

Congratulations on your admission to College! On behalf of the University, I am pleased to offer you financial assistance for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Your award is as follows:

Source:	Fall	Spring	Total
College Grant	11,750	11,750	23,500
College Scholarship	3,500	3,500	7,000
Federal Perkins Loan	500	500	1,000
Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan	1,750	1,750	3,500
Fed. Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	1,000	1,000	2,000
Fed. Work Study Opportunity	1,000	1,000	2,000
Total Awards:	19,500	19,500	39,000

Please note that you will need to provide the following documents to our office as soon as possible in order to finalize your award:

Award Acceptance Agreement (enclosed) Student
Statement of Non-filing
Parent IRS transcript

Your financial aid offer is based on your reporting that other members of your family will be attending undergraduate or graduate school at least half time during 2012-2013. You may be required to provide document his/her enrollment. Please notify our office of any changes in enrollment plans.

All award offers are subject to change based upon the review of the documentation requested above and any other information we receive that changes your overall financial aid eligibility. When submitting requested documentation, please be sure all forms are signed and completed properly.

Please review the enclosed "Award Guide" for specific information on your offer of aid and the terms and conditions of your award. Please be sure you have a clear understanding of the assistance you are being offered. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions about your award. You may reach the Office of Financial Assistance at (123) 456-7890, by fax at (123) 456-7890 or by email at finaid@college.edu.

Sincerely,
Assistant Director

Applying for Scholarships

- Check the scholarships on ISAC's website - see Simone for help
- Local Scholarships – available in February
 - Updated scholarship info available on the Virtual Counseling Office Website
- Check the college/university scholarship pages
- Ask family about scholarships available from clubs, employers, or organizations
- NEVER PAY for a scholarship site or search!



Looking for and Applying
for Scholarships is an
Ongoing Process

That was a lot of information, so what should seniors be doing now?

1. Apply
2. Visit
3. Ask for help
4. Follow deadlines
 - a. Types of applications and deposits
 - b. FAFSA starts Oct. 1

Enjoy Senior Year!!

Questions?

If you have any questions about information in this presentation, please contact your MHS Counselor!

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