Best Practices: The 6 “S’s”

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Schedule

• Consult your school’s/organization’s calendar

• Check to see if there are already other FAFSA Frenzy events scheduled in your area

• Consider your families’ availability – weekend vs. week night

• Decide if your event will be open to the public or a private event

• Schedule your event on the Journey to College website
Staffing

Find **volunteers** for your event

- **High School**
  - Counselors, Teachers, Administrators
  - District-wide or multi-campus events = more volunteers

- **College/University - Financial Aid Representatives**

- **Community Organizations**

- **MDHEWD**

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Share

Advertise your event (Resources on the J2C website)

- Email flyer to students and parents
- Blast out on social media
- Add to website
- Post signage
- Send a checklist of needed items

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Set-up

• Where will you hold the event?
• Do you need to work with your technology department to ensure you have
  o Computer lab or Chromebooks
  o Library
  o Classroom

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Submitting

- Guests sign-in upon arrival
- Show them to a computer station
- Be on standby to answer questions
- Hopefully they can get their FAFSA submitted, but if not at least started and saved to finish later
Scholarship

$500 Book Scholarship

Journey to College
2019-20 JOURNEY TO COLLEGE BOOK SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS
To be eligible for the Journey to College Book Scholarship, you must do the following:

1. Attend a Missouri FAFSA Frenzy event between October 1, 2019, and January 31, 2020 and have plans to enroll in a Missouri college or university in fall of 2020. Ask your high school counselor for details or find a list of public events here: Journeytocollege.mo.gov/faq-frenzy.
2. Create an account in the State Financial Aid Portal: web.ahwd.mo.gov/studentportal. Once you have an account, find the Journey to College Book Scholarship code in the “deadlines” box – save this code for the scholarship application.
3. Enter the Journey to College Book Scholarship code into the application on Scholarship Central at myscholarshipcentral.org.

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION IN SCHOLARSHIP CENTRAL

1. ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT
   - Click Sign In and skip to Step 2 below.
2. NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT
   - Click Sign Up and follow the instructions to create your account.
     - Watch for an email from Scholarship Central - click the confirmation link to complete the General Application.
3. Complete or update your General Application in Scholarship Central. Email support@myscholarshipcentral.org with questions.
4. Find the Journey to College Book Scholarship by clicking on “opportunities” and then “recommended.” Answer the additional questions, enter the scholarship code you found within the State Financial Aid Portal and click submit.

Students that attend a Journey To College FAFSA Frenzy event are eligible to enter a drawing for a book scholarship

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