Journey to College

FAFSA Frenzy

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

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

2020-2021
FAFSA Checklist

EducationQuest FOUNDATION

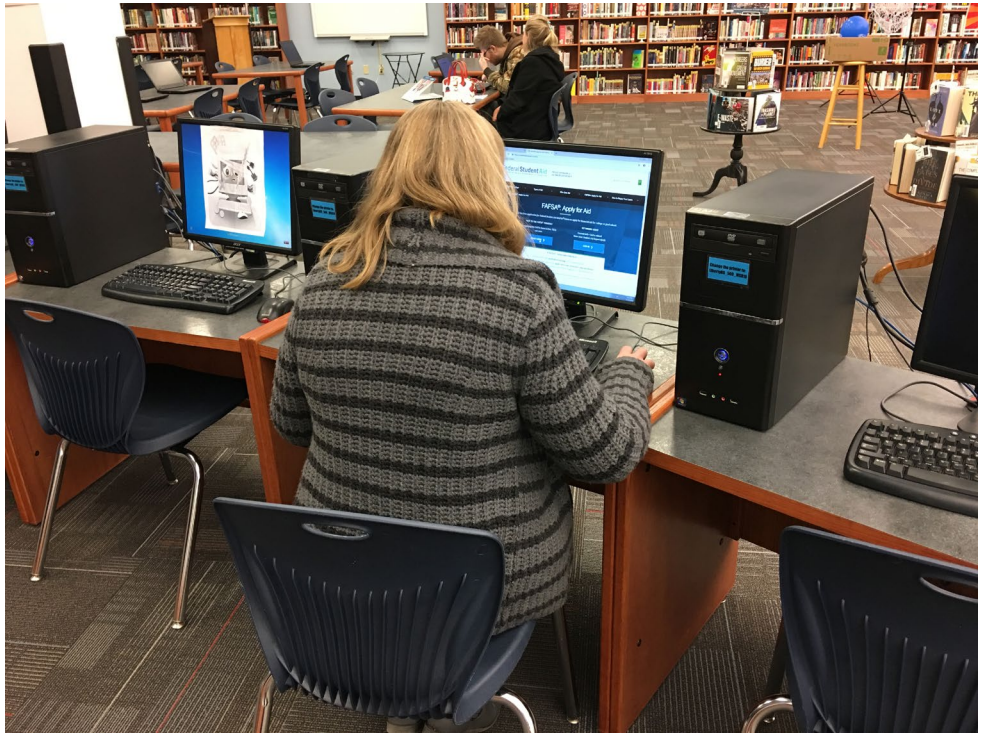
Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.gov to apply for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.

Dependent students must include both student and parent data on the FAFSA. Determine your dependency status by answering the questions on the back.

REQUIRED INFORMATION	WHERE TO FIND IT
☐ Student and parent 2018 Federal Income Tax Forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	Personal records or visit irs.gov/transcript
☐ Student and parent 2018 W-2 Forms	Personal records or contact your employer(s) or visit irs.gov/transcript
☐ Student and parent FSA IDs (serve as electronic signatures)	Create FSA IDs at fsaid.ed.gov
☐ Student's driver's license number	Personal records
☐ Student and parent email addresses	Student: _____ Parent: _____
☐ Student and parent Social Security numbers	Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213
☐ Student and parent dates of birth	Parent 1: ___/___/_____ (Month Day Year) Parent 2: ___/___/_____ (Month Day Year)
☐ Date parents were married, separated, divorced, or widowed	___/_____ (Month Year)
☐ Student and parent savings/checking account balances	Student: $_____ Parent: $_____
☐ Student and parent investments (i.e. stocks/bonds/mutual funds/529 plans) excluding home and retirement	Student: $_____ Parent: $_____
☐ Current business value	$_____ or contact your accountant
☐ Current value of investment farm and/or rental properties	$_____ or contact your accountant
☐ 2018 Child support paid or received	$_____ or contact Nebraska Payment Center at 877-631-9973 or https://childsupport.nebraska.gov
☐ 2018 Workers' compensation benefits	$_____ or contact your employer
☐ 2018 Housing/food/living allowance for military and clergy	$_____ or reference Leave and Earnings Statement (military) or W-2 form (clergy)
☐ 2018 Veteran's noneducation benefits	$_____ or contact Department of Veterans Affairs toll free at 800-827-1000 or va.gov
☐ Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at uscis.gov

Set-up

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



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

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2019-20 JOURNEY TO COLLEGE BOOK SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

To be eligible for the Journey to College Book Scholarship, you must do the following:

- ☑ 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/fafsa-frenzy/*.
- ☑ Create an account in the State Financial Aid Portal: *web.dhewd.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.
- ☑ 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.

   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.

2. Complete or update your General Application in Scholarship Central. Email support@myscholarshipcentral.org with questions.

3. 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.

Contact Ashley Heidbreder at Ashley.Heidbreder@dhewd.mo.gov with questions about the Journey to College Book Scholarship.

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

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