



**Attention: Senior Parents & Students:
You are invited to the Covington High School**

FAFSA Completion Night

**Tuesday, October 10th
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Meet in CHS Cafeteria**

Representatives from the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) will be here to assist you with the completion of the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*.

Spaghetti dinner and childcare will be provided at no cost!

RSVP by returning the form below, no later than:

Friday, September 29th!!

SEE DETAILS ON THE BACK OF THIS FLYER!



————✂Cut here and return to Mrs. Thames by Friday, September 29th!✂————

Yes, my senior and I will be attending the CHS FAFSA Completion Night October 10th.

Parent's Name (Printed)

Parent's Signature

Senior's Name (Printed)

Senior's Signature

Yes, I will need child care. Number of children _____

NEW this year!

FAFSA completion is now a graduation requirement of the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). All seniors must complete the FAFSA or submit a waiver before they will be eligible to graduate in May of 2018.

The 2018-2019 FAFSA becomes available on ***October 1st, 2017.***

You should fill it out as soon as possible on the official government site:

<https://fafsa.gov/>

Completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form is the first step toward getting federal aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

The federal government provides more than \$120 billion in grants, work-study funds, and loans each year, but you have to complete the FAFSA® form to see if you can get any of that money.



7 things you need before you fill out the FAFSA -

- 1. FSA I.D.s** An FSA ID is a username and password used to log in to the FAFSA website; it is also your signature when you're ready to submit. *Both the student and his/her parent* will need to generate an FSA ID before filling out the FAFSA. So, if you haven't already done so, go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/> to create your FSA ID today! Make sure these are kept in a secure location!
- 2. Social Security Numbers** For both parents and students—please be sure to input your name in the FAFSA exactly as it appears on your Social Security card. (If you are not a citizen—you will need your Alien Registration #.)
- 3. The Applicant's Driver's License Number** If applicable
- 4. Your 2016 Tax Records, including IRS W-2 Info.** You are now required to report income information from an earlier tax year. On the 2018-2019 FAFSA, you (and your parents, as appropriate) will report your 2016 income information, rather than your 2017 income information. Since you'll have already filed your 2016 taxes by the time the FAFSA launches, you'll be able to import your tax information into the FAFSA right away using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.
- 5. Records of your untaxed income** The FAFSA questions about untaxed income may or may not apply to you, but they include things like child support received, interest income and veterans non-education benefits.
- 6. Records of all your assets (money)** This includes savings and checking account balances as well as investments such as stocks and bonds and real estate. You should report the current amounts as of the date you sign the FAFSA, rather than the 2015 tax year amounts.
- 7. List of the schools you are interested in attending** Even if there is only a slight chance you'll apply to a college, add it! The schools you list on your FAFSA will automatically receive your FAFSA results electronically. They will use your FAFSA information to determine the types and amounts of financial aid you may receive.