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Doherty High School



Class of 2021 SENIOR BULLETIN

Males

A reminder to all males— to be eligible for Financial Aid, you must be registered with the Selective Service. Go to www.sss.gov within 30 days of your 18th birthday.

What info do I use?

If your parents are divorced, you will need to report the income of the parent with whom you live. If you split your time equally, it will be the parent who provides you with the most financial support. If your parent has remarried, your stepparent's income will also be considered since that income impacts your overall financial health.



Start EARLY, Don't Let
This Be You.

Have you watched our FAFSA
presentation yet?

<https://www.dii.org/domain/1368>



The FAFSA

It opens October 1st

Hopefully you have started your college applications and are working to get them completed. You do not need to be accepted to the college in order to begin the financial aid process. Although you can't fill out the FAFSA before October 1st, you and your parents can begin collecting all the necessary documents now. The financial aid process begins with filling out the FAFSA which is available online. In order to fill out the FAFSA you will need the following information:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your W-2 forms
- Your federal income tax return (2019 taxes)
- Your current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds, and other investments
- Your records of other untaxed income received, such as Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), welfare or veteran's benefits
- Your business or farm records
- Your alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Your parent's income and financial records (all of the above information on your parents)
- Your parent's Social Security numbers
- Child support received

Applying online is easy. There is a help button for each question, as well as, a chat feature where you can exchange live messages with a customer service representative. Before completing the online form, print the pre-application worksheet and complete as much as possible.

You should also apply for a FSA ID TODAY for both yourself and one of your parents at Your FSA ID will serve as an electronic signature. This helps to process your application quicker. <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>



Financial Aid Terms and Definitions

Financial Aid Package: The combination of grants, loans, and work-study that a college offers you to help pay for college costs. You may accept the entire package or any part of it.

Work Study: A need-based financial aid program subsidizing jobs for eligible students. Work Study is awarded by colleges, and a portion of the funding comes from the federal or state government. The money you earn is yours' to budget for personal expenses.

Demonstrated Need: The difference between the cost of attending a college and the "expected family contribution." The federal government's calculations determine eligibility for federal aid programs— a college can use it's own analysis to determine need.

GAP: There can be a gap between the amount of a student's financial aid package + the expected family contribution and the total cost of attendance. The amount of the gap will be money that your family will have to find somewhere else.

Verification: A process of confirming FAFSA information by comparing specified documents with the information on the Student Aid Report.

FSA ID: Personal Identification Number: One of your parents will also need a FSA ID. Apply at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>