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## COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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*Mission: Strengthen **M**astery, **C**ollaboration, **H**igh Expectations, and **S**uccess for All Students.*

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Dear MCHS senior students and families,

### **FAFSA Information**

The 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and 2021-2022 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (RISE Act) are now available. The application process began October 1, 2020. Please contact your child's counselor for more information and questions.

The following links below provide important and helpful videos and documents for your review as you begin the FAFSA application:

This is a requirement for every MCHS student to graduate. More information about this requirement can be found at: <https://www.isac.org/pd/fafsa-mandate.html>

Senior students and their parents are able to submit the FAFSA starting October 1 using the website [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Students who are undocumented and do not have a social security number or for students who are transgender may use the Alternative Application for Illinois State Aid at <https://www.isac.org/AlternativeApp>

Parents/students who do not want to complete the FAFSA will need to submit the FAFSA non-participation form to their counselor by May 1 of the year they graduate. The form can be downloaded from <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FAFSA-Non-Participation-Form.pdf>

*Overview video of completing the FAFSA*  
[Student Guide to Completing the 2020-21 FAFSA](#)

*Beginner tips on filing a FAFSA*  
[Applying for Financial Aid: Beginner FAFSA Tips](#)

*Financial Aid*  
[Financial Aid 101 presentation](#)

[Applying for Financial Aid Help Videos](#)  
(\*Check back often to this link as new videos will continue to be added)

[2021-2022 Financial Aid information flyer](#) (attached in English and Spanish)  
Includes information on what families need to get started and how they can schedule a virtual appointment with JJC for financial aid application assistance.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) was developed by the state of Illinois to provide students with information and assistance to help make education beyond high school accessible and affordable [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org)

ISACorps representatives' partner with schools to provide workshops, presentations, and one-on-one mentoring for students and families, assisting them with career exploration, college selections, test preparation, scholarship searches, application completion, and the financial aid process. These representatives are recent college graduates who have been trained to help mentor high school students and help families navigate the process of applying to and entering college.

<https://www.isac.org/students/before-college/isacorps/>

Sincerely,

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