

FINANCIAL AID



Financial Aid Facts

- Most Louisiana high school graduates are eligible for some form of state or federal financial aid – either merit-based or need-based.
- State and Federal Financial Aid can be accessed by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Financial Aid can remove the barriers to accessing four-year universities, two-year community colleges, and technical training programs.
- The results of the FAFSA are used in determining expected family contribution, student grants, work study, and loan amount.

Financial Aid Access Policy ***NEW & IMPORTANT***

Louisiana requires public school students graduating spring 2018 and beyond to take one of the following steps as part of their Individual Graduation Plan and as a requirement for graduation:

- Complete the FAFSA; or
- Complete the Louisiana TOPS form; or
- A parent or legal custodian (or a student legally emancipated or of the legal age of majority) may opt out of completing the FAFSA or Louisiana TOPS form by completing a waiver.
 - *For more information on the waiver or to request a waiver, please contact your counselor.*