



Attn: Students and Parents of Seniors-

Completing the FAFSA is a GRADUATION REQUIREMENT!!!

Louisiana state law requires graduating public school seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to graduate and receive your diploma.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an online document students must complete to determine their financial aid eligibility. Once you and your parent have completed this application, you will learn whether or not you qualify for any grants, federally subsidized and/or unsubsidized loans and other federally-funded scholarship opportunities, such as TOPS and Work Study.

To apply for TOPS, the student must complete the FAFSA or the TOPS Online Application. The FAFSA must be completed by students who qualify for federal grant aid and by students who are seeking other forms of financial aid.

Please note that the financial documents used for FAFSA should be for two years prior to the academic year of which you're applying. Example: If you're applying for aid for the 2023-24 school year, you will need information for 2021.

The FAFSA can be submitted online at www.studentaid.gov. For general information about federal student financial assistance programs or help completing the FAFSA, call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

The Louisiana Education Loan Authority (LELA) offers **free** FAFSA completion assistance and a scholarship, call Lela's FAFSA HELPLine at (844) 463-2372.

*****Once you complete the FAFSA, please submit a copy of the confirmation email to Ms. Barber, 10th/12th FAFSA Counselor: sarah.barber@lpsb.org as evidence of completion. This is a graduation requirement!**

FAFSA Help Center: <https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/landing>