



Tuscola High School Senior Newsletter

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Financial Aid Terminology



AID PACKAGE: The combination of financial aid (loans, scholarships, grants, work-study) determined by the financial aid office of a college or university.

AWARD LETTER: An official document issued by a school's financial aid office listing all the financial aid awarded to the student. The award letter includes information about the cost of attendance and terms and conditions for the financial aid.

COA (COST OF ATTENDANCE): The total cost of attending a post-secondary institution for one academic year. This usually includes tuition, fees, room, board, supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

EFC (EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION): Amount a family is expected to contribute to a student's education, based on family earnings, net assets, savings, size of family, and number of students in college.

FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER: A letter detailing total amount of financial aid for which a student is eligible.

FINANCIAL NEED/ELIGIBILITY: The difference between the Cost of Attendance (COA) at a college and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

SAR (STUDENT AID REPORT): A report, summarizing financial and other information reported on the FAFSA, sent to a student by the federal government. The student's financial aid need is indicated by the Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is printed on the document.

Completed the FAFSA—Now What?

- NOW FEDERAL STUDENT AID WILL PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION AND SEND YOU A STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR).
- AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF YOUR SAR IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SCHOOL'S YOU'VE LISTED ON YOUR FAFSA.

A Student Aid Report (SAR) is a document you will receive after your FAFSA is processed. Your SAR will list all of the answers you provided on your FAFSA. You should review these answers carefully to make sure they are correct.

TIP: If you need to make any changes, select [Make Corrections to a Processed FAFSA](#) under the **FAFSA Follow-Up** section of the home page. You can also make corrections on the paper SAR, if you received one, and mail it back to the address provided.

Your SAR will contain your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which measures your family's financial strength and is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Your school will use this number to determine how much financial aid you are eligible to receive based on your school's cost of attendance.

Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information!



Congrats!

Fowler, Jasmine
Western Carolina University
& University of SC

Grosse, Lydia
Mount Vernon Nazarene
University
& Olivet Nazarene University
Scholarship - \$68,000.00

Kirkpatrick, Weaver
NC State University

Massie, Jacob
Western Carolina University

Reading, Allen
Mars Hill College
\$48,000 Scholarship,
East Carolina University
& Campbell University Scott
Ellis Scholarship: \$44,000

Rivera, Maria
Appalachian State University
& University of Tennessee at
Knoxville

Rogers, Sarah
UNC Charlotte
& NC State University

Ruhle, Morgan
UNC Charlotte

Saggus, Jessica
Clemson University,
UNC Charlotte,
Appalachian State University,
& East Tennessee State
University

Sinyard, Samuel
East Carolina University

Skelton, Jean UNC Chapel
Hill & Clemson University
\$20,000 scholarship

Traynham, Bridgette ETSU,
WCU & Appalachian
State University

Woods, Justin
Catawba College



Still Need to Complete the FAFSA?

Call Haywood
Community College's
Financial Aid Office at
627-4756 to get help
completing the FAFSA.

SELECTING A FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE

* HOW TO MAKE THE BIG DECISION *

Now come the letters you've been waiting for: financial aid award letters. It is your task to sit down with your family and determine which aid award best meets your needs. While it may be tempting to jump at good news, you should wait until award letters from all the colleges come in before you make a decision.

- Don't miss the deadlines!
- First, be sure you understand the terms in each letter and are able to compare the awards. (Visit www.collegeboard.com to use the "Compare Your Aid Awards" tool).
- Contact your school's financial aid office if the aid package for your first-choice school is not enough.
- Once you have made a decision, you should carefully reread the entire aid award letter and accompanying materials to be sure you have filled in all the requested information. Sign the award letter and return the requested materials by the deadline.
- Notify the other colleges that you are declining their offers of aid so the awards can go to other students.
- Find out how and when the aid will be disbursed, how much aid will be applied directly to the bill, and how much the first bill will be so you can plan for the coming months.



visit www.collegeboard.com for more information!

Vaccines Recommended for College Students

- ☒ Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis vaccine
- ☒ Meningococcal vaccine*
- ☒ HPV vaccine series
- ☒ Hepatitis B vaccine series
- ☒ Polio vaccine series
- ☒ Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) series
- ☒ Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine series
- ☒ Influenza vaccine
- ☒ Pneumococcal polysaccharid (PPV) vaccine
- ☒ Hepatitis A vaccine series

* Recommended for previously unvaccinated college freshmen living in dormitories.

visit www.cdc.gov for more information.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Graduation supplies will be given out. Balances must be paid.
- **MAY 1ST**—Balances for baby ads are due
- **MAY 12TH**—THS Prom
- **MAY 15TH**—Balance must be paid to receive a yearbook

Cap and Gown Information

If you have not ordered a cap and gown, you must call Josten's at 828-681-1712. If you are borrowing a cap and gown from someone, you must still buy a diploma cover and a tassel.



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Monthly updated scholarship information is available in the Counseling Center.

Haywood County Schools Foundation Scholarships are due to the Counseling Center by March 23rd. Everyone should apply!

"People Helping People" Scholarship is due by April 2nd. Make sure you stop by and get the application.

Academic Awards Program

Wednesday—May 15th, 2012

(PTO will provide refreshments from 6:00-6:30pm and the program will begin promptly at 6:30pm)

TURN IN **ALL** OUTSIDE
SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND
AWARDS TO MRS. HARGROVE IN
THE COUNSELING CENTER

More information coming soon.

