

# EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

## FOR FAFSA UPDATES

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If email is your preferred communication channel, we recommend sending an email at a frequency you deem necessary. Preparing to complete the FAFSA and completing the form itself is crucial for students to receive multiple forms of aid to assist with the cost of higher education. Text highlighted in [blue](#) denotes a hyperlink to provide easy access to additional information.

### Email copy about [FAFSA Updates](#)

#### 1. SUBJ: The Importance of FAFSA for High School Seniors

Seniors, don't be fooled by the common myth that you won't qualify for financial aid, so why bother filing a FAFSA? FAFSA provides eligibility for several types of financial assistance.

- Federal Grants – This type of aid will be based on financial need and is typically awarded to students with the highest financial need. Example: Pell Grants
- Federal Student Loans – are considered a type of aid. These low-cost loans have many borrower benefits and protections for students. If borrowing is necessary, FAFSA will provide you with eligibility for this resource.
- Institutional Aid – Many schools also use the data supplied by FAFSA to award additional grants funded by the institution to students.

The FAFSA will be available for completion and submission on December 1st for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Start getting prepared now!

- [Create an FSA ID](#) (required to submit a FAFSA)
- [Collect information](#) needed for FAFSA Completion.
- Remember that the [College Planning Center](#) is available for free assistance.

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#### 2. SUBJ: FSA ID – What is it? Why do High School Seniors Need it?

The [FSA ID](#) is your electronic signature on FAFSA and provides you access to Federal Student Aid account information. It remains with you during and after college to manage FAFSA applications,

federal student loans, and any other federal student aid programs you may qualify for.

- STUDENT & PARENT MUST have unique FSA IDs
- FSA ID takes just minutes to request but 3-5 days to process and be assigned to you
- FSA ID is required to submit your FAFSA
- View this FSA ID [infographic](#) to see simple instructions on how to create

Don't delay; create your FSA ID to prepare for FAFSA on December 1st.

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### **3. SUBJ: FREE Help with FAFSA Completion**

The 2025/2026 FAFSA form will be ready on December 1st. Also available on that day is free FAFSA completion assistance from RISLA's College Planning Center, located in Chapel View Plaza in Cranston.

Take advantage of this valued free resource:

- You must have an [FSA ID](#) before your appointment.
- All appointments should be scheduled online at [collegeplanningcenter.org](https://collegeplanningcenter.org)
- Appointments are available in person, over the phone, or virtually.
- Extended hours available during the FAFSA Season

The FAFSA is for everyone! Be sure to submit it by the required deadlines at the schools you apply to.