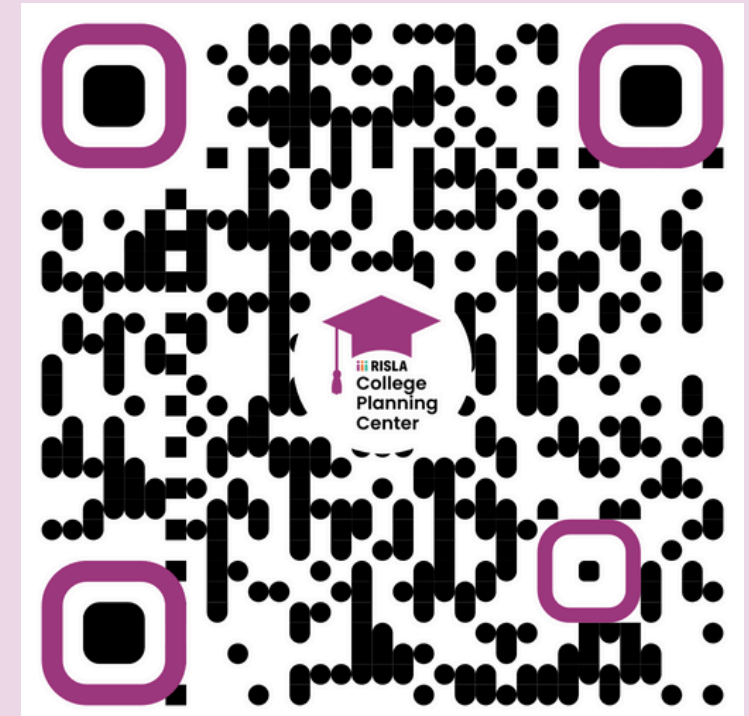




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FAFSA Myths & Facts

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FAFSA Delay updates

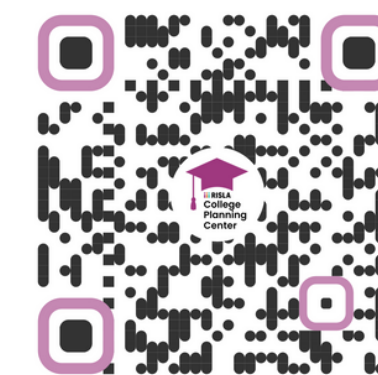
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1st Step
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Need to Know #1

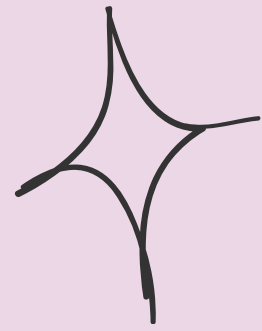
The FAFSA is completely free
to fill out and submit!

It's even in the name!

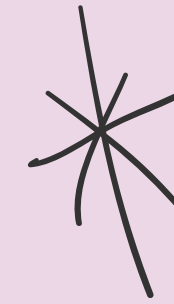
Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Assistance with completion is
also **FREE** when working with the
collegeplanningcenter.org

FREE



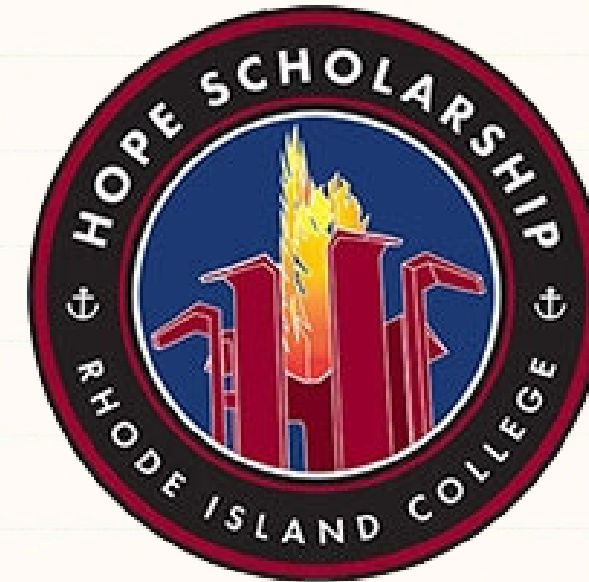
Need to Know #2



In order to qualify for Rhode Island *FREE* tuition programs, you must submit a FAFSA



RI Promise



RIC Hope Scholarship



Need to Know #3

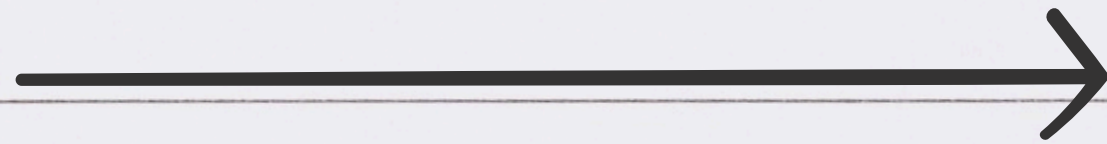
Completing the FAFSA
can qualify you for **Free Money**.

- Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants

You can also qualify for federal loans (low rates, great benefits) by filling out the FAFSA. But don't mistake loans for "free money".



Need to Know #4

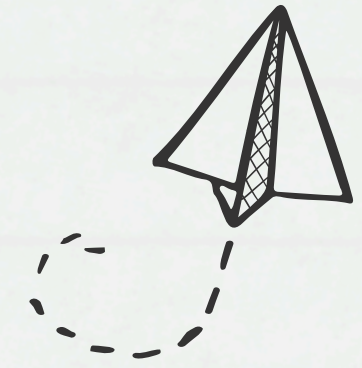


In Rhode Island
Total **Pell Grant** Dollars Left
on the Table by Class of
2023 Graduates:
\$9,075,937.

Source



Need to Know #5



FAFSA is also used by schools in determining Institutional Aid

Schools require the FAFSA when awarding institutional aid if they are not requiring completion of the CSS Profile.



* * * **Need to Know #6**

FAFSA is used to determine Work-Study eligibility

- Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.
- Students can get work-study positions in some offices across campus, the mail room, the rec center, and more.
- Be sure to apply to these positions early as these jobs fill up quick!

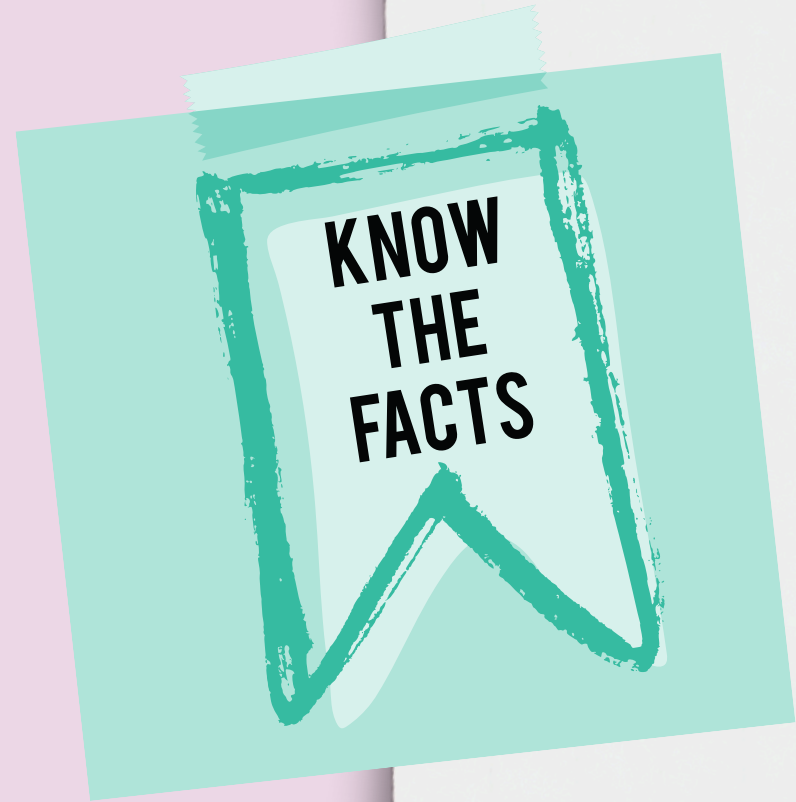


Need to Know #7

You should file your FAFSA **EVERY YEAR**, even if you didn't qualify for aid the previous year.

Federal aid is granted on a yearly basis; FAFSA completion is required every year for aid to be granted year to year.

Your aid eligibility can change from the previous year, Not filing – Guarantees you no aid or eligibility for federal loans.



FAFSA

MYTHS





FAFSA Myth #1



MYTH

Your family earns too much to be eligible for aid.



TRUTH

Even if you don't qualify for need-based aid, you may qualify for other aid.



FAFSA Myth #2





MYTH

You have to apply for financial aid only once.



TRUTH

You have to submit the FAFSA every year.

FAFSA Myth #3



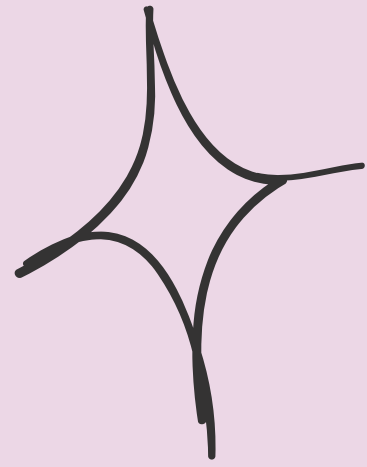
MYTH

You won't qualify for aid because you don't have good grades.

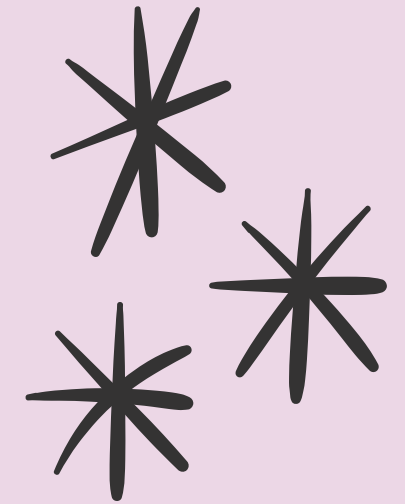


TRUTH

Federal aid is not based on grades, but they can affect continued funding.



FAFSA Myth #4



MYTH

You can declare yourself an independent student on the FAFSA to qualify for more aid.



TRUTH

You must meet specific criteria to qualify as an independent student. It's not a choice made in the hope of receiving more aid.

FAFSA Myth #5



MYTH

The FAFSA is long and confusing.



TRUTH

Free completion assistance is available at the College Planning Center (30 minutes or less of your time)!

Help is available!

College planning and financial aid support:

College Planning Center of RI

Schedule online at

collegeplanningcenter.org

Call to schedule an appointment

401-736-3170



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