

Did you know that?

77% of college financial aid depends on the FAFSA

During the 2015-16 award year, \$240.9 billion was awarded in FAFSA-dependent financial aid

To get the most assistance for college, your FAFSA needs to be submitted as soon as possible after the new October 1st submission date.

Common Myths

Myth #1: My family makes too much money to qualify for aid.

There is no income cut-off for federal student aid. Many states and schools use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for their aid. If you're not sure what you will get, the best way to know for sure is to complete the application!

Myth #2: My student will not be taking out loans so there's no reason to file the FAFSA.

Filing the FAFSA can give students access to federal grants (if the student qualifies) which do not need to be repaid. Also many colleges use the information provided on the FAFSA to determine who will receive their grants and need-based scholarships.

Myth #3: The FAFSA is too hard to fill out.

Come to the Manistee County event to receive hands on assistance from experts in the field.

Appointments are highly recommended.

Please contact your local school or local school counselor to make an appointment. Drop-ins are also welcome!

Manistee County FAFSA Completion Event

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Armory Youth Project

555 1st Street, Manistee

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and Manistee County High Schools.**

Please join us at our Manistee County Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion event. If you don't complete a FAFSA, you could be missing out on financial aid. Each year more than \$24 billion goes unclaimed in financial aid. Financial Aid experts from area colleges will be in attendance as well as counselors and volunteers from area schools to help students and families complete the FAFSA.

Other information will be available!

Scholarship information

Check out local scholarships through the Manistee County Community Foundation as well as scholarship lists and resources through the Launch Manistee Scholarship Clearinghouse!

Student Loan Information

Representatives from Filer Credit Union will be on hand to answer questions about private student loans.

FAFSA® Process for 2017

Students and families will be able to submit a 2018-19 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date is a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year.

Use earlier income and tax information

Students and families will be required to report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2018-19 FAFSA, parents and students will report their 2016 income and tax information.