

COLLEGE ADVISORS

SUPPORTING *Students*

College advisors work full-time, alongside school staff, to mentor, encourage and assist students one-on-one as they search for colleges, complete admissions and financial aid applications, and transition from high school to higher education.



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Other ways for students and parents to learn more about scholarship opportunities and additional tuition assistance programs is through their high schools college and scholarship news page:

- **Big Future:**
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- **Black River:**
<http://tinyurl.com/BRPSScholarships>
- **Careerline Tech Center Scholarship:**
<http://tinyurl.com/CLTCScholarship>
- **Fast Web:**
<http://www.fastweb.com/>
- **Hamilton High School:**
<http://tinyurl.com/HPSScholarship>
- **Holland Christian High School:**
<http://tinyurl.com/HCHSScholarship>
- **Holland High School:**
<http://tinyurl.com/HPSScholarships>
- **West Ottawa High School:**
<http://tinyurl.com/WOHSScholarship>
- **Zeeland East & West High Schools:**
<http://tinyurl.com/ZPSScholarships>



Destination Education is focused on making completion of post-secondary education an achievable reality for every student in the greater Holland/Zeeland area – particularly low-income students, students of color, and those who will be the first in their families to attain a degree or credential.

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FILE

YOUR

FAFSA

FIND CASH *for* COLLEGE

**FREE APPLICATION for
FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

- Must be completed to receive federal financial aid for college
- Collects information about you and your family to determine your need
- Should be completed by everyone. File your FAFSA **every year beginning on October 1** to determine financial aid for the following fall.

NOT SURE ABOUT COLLEGE?
APPLY for Aid now, **DECIDE** on your college later.



FAFSA COMPLETION: What you need to know & do

Attend a Financial Aid Presentation

Completing the FAFSA form can seem overwhelming, but this **very important** step must be completed if you want to be eligible for Financial Aid. There are a number of resources and assistance events available to help students and parents navigate the completion process.

All financial aid presentations are open to the public.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend!

Online FAFSA Information & Tutorials:

2017-18 FAFSA Tutorial

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out#documents>

Federal Student Aid:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

Michigan Student Aid

<http://tinyurl.com/MIStudentAid>

FAFSA Application Site

<https://fafsa.gov/>

Presentation Dates and Locations

- **Hamilton High School:** Wednesday October 18th at 7pm in the high school Auditorium
- **Holland High School:** Thursday, September 14th at 6:00 pm*
- **Holland Christian High School:** Tuesday September 12th at 7pm
- **Holland Area College Night at DeVos Fieldhouse:** Thursday, October 5th, 6:00-8:00pm with Financial Aid workshops at 6:15pm and 7:00pm. More info at www.hollandareacollegenight.com
- **Fennville High School:** Tuesday October 24th at 7pm*
- **West Ottawa High School:** Monday, October 23rd at 6:00pm with a lab to follow at 7pm for families to begin filling out the FAFSA.
- **Saugatuck High School:** Wednesday October 18th at 7pm
- **Black River High School:** Wednesday October 25th at 7pm in the band room
- **Zeeland High School:** Tuesday October 10th at 6:30pm in the DeWitt Auditorium on the campus of Zeeland East High School.

**Presentation will be given in English and Spanish*

Tips from Local College Advisors, Counselors & Financial Staff

- Check out all the resources and information available on the [Federal Student Aid](http://www.federalstudentaid.gov) website, and follow them on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/federalstudentaid) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vXp11111111111111111111) for great tips and video resources.
- Don't use your school issued email - if you don't have another email, you should make a professional sounding email account. Try using your first and last name in the e-mail address.
- The easiest way to complete or correct your FAFSA with accurate tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool through www.fafsa.gov. In a few simple steps, most students and parents who filed a 2015 tax return can view and transfer their tax information directly into their FAFSA.
- Gather all of your documents in one place - Use the "Gathering the Documents Needed to Apply" list on the Federal Student Aid Website <http://tinyurl.com/FAFSADocumentList>.
- Write down or take pictures of all your challenge questions as you make your FSA ID.
- Before you start filling out your FAFSA, make sure you set aside uninterrupted time to work on it.
- Use the FAFSA live-chat option when you have a question!