



### **Applying for Financial Aid**

To receive the tuition waiver, you must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) or the Maryland State Financial Aid Application ([MSFAA](#)).

The FAFSA is the form that youth need to fill out each year to get financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. You can access the FAFSA application [here](#). Completing the FAFSA can be complex for youth who do not have stable housing and who are separated from parents or guardians.

The federal government made significant changes to the FAFSA, which took effect for the 2024-2025 FAFSA. You can find more information about these changes on the Maryland Higher Education Commission's "[Important FAFSA Changes](#)" webpage and on [SchoolHouse Connection's FAFSA webpage](#), which includes specific information for youth experiencing homelessness or who are on their own.

**The Maryland Higher Education Commission has extended the Maryland financial aid deadline to submit the 2024-2025 FAFSA to June 1, 2024. However, students are strongly encouraged to submit the FAFSA by the priority deadline of March 1, 2024, to receive notification of eligibility by April 15, 2024.**