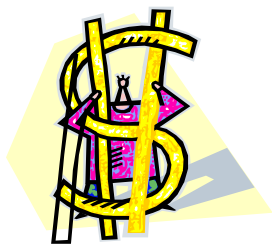


Kingswood Regional High School Guidance Department
2008-2009



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
OVERVIEW

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required by most colleges in order to be considered for financial aid packages of any kind. The application requires both student and parent information and must be submitted on line. The FAFSA can not be submitted until after January 1, 2009. You will need the Pre-Application Worksheet (available at the listed website or available in the guidance office) in order to collect information to complete the FAFSA on line, as well as PIN, which can be established through this same website. For more information go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. (Each school has a deadline for filing this form to qualify, be sure to note this deadline.)

CSS/Financial Aid Profile Application is another form you may need to complete. A select number of schools will require this application along with the FAFSA. There is a fee to file, and it is a legitimate fee. You can ***ONLY*** complete this application on line. Go to www.collegeboard.com to find a complete listing of schools who participate in this program, as well as to register on line. The schools that participate in this program generally have lots of private funds, and use this in their financial aid determination process. It is imperative that you not miss completing this application if the schools are listed, as you will not be eligible funds. (Each school has a deadline for filing this form to qualify, be sure to note this deadline)

Scholarships. This is yet another way to help with the costs of college. There are national, state and local scholarships that students can apply for. The guidance office will receive approximately 100 plus scholarships over the course of the year. National and state have started to trickle in. Local scholarships do not generally come in until February. Guidance will send a mailing out to you at the beginning of February that will provide you with local scholarship information and review the process. Check out our website for additional information. Students are strongly encouraged to check the guidance scholarship files weekly to not miss out on opportunities as deadlines vary. **It is the responsibility of the student to search, complete and send scholarship applications.**

Don't get scammed. There are a number of ways to search for scholarships the best is the use of the web. But don't get scammed, you should never pay a company to search for you, as you can get the same information for free. And it is rare that you should have to pay an application fee to file for a scholarship. Any questions please contact your counselor.

A few helpful websites are (and don't forget to check out the links at the college of your choice website for further information):

www.finaid.org
www.nhheaf.org

www.winscholarships.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.srnexpress.com

www.nchf.org
www.fastweb.com