

New Graduation Requirement - FAFSA, Illinois Alternative App. or Opt Out Form

On June 1, 2020 the State of Illinois signed a bill into law that every student in a public school must file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), or if eligible complete the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, or complete the FAFSA Non Participation Form in order to graduate high school.

Senior students and their parents are able to submit the **FAFSA** starting October 1 using the website www.fafsa.gov

Students who are undocumented and do not have a social security number or students who are transgender may use the **Alternative Application for Illinois State Aid** at <https://www.isac.org/AlternativeApp>

Parents/students who do not want to complete the FAFSA will need to submit the **FAFSA non participation form** to their counselor by May 1 of the year they graduate. The form can be downloaded from <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FAFSA-Non-Participation-Form.pdf>

This is a requirement for every BBCHS student to graduate. More information about this requirement can be found at: <https://www.isac.org/pd/fafsa-mandate.html>

Kankakee Community College has provided a video presentation to help complete the FAFSA at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqMYtCmw52o&feature=youtu.be>

KCC has also created videos on Paying for College at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUT_MTSW4c&feature=youtu.be

Paying for College en español
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbGeNqFpygE&feature=youtu.be>

[Student Guide to Completing the 2020-21 FAFSA](#)

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has information to help with the college admission and financial aid process: [Click here for contact information for BBCHS ISAC representatives](#)

- [HANDOUT English Financial Aid Presentation 2021-2022](#)
- [FAFSA-Non-Participation-Form](#)
- [FAFSA-Non-Participation Form-Spanish](#)