

COUGAR COLLEGE AND CAREER



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ASVAB

If you took the ASVAB first semester and have questions about your results, please reach out to Mr. Haynes in the counseling office.

What is the ASVAB?

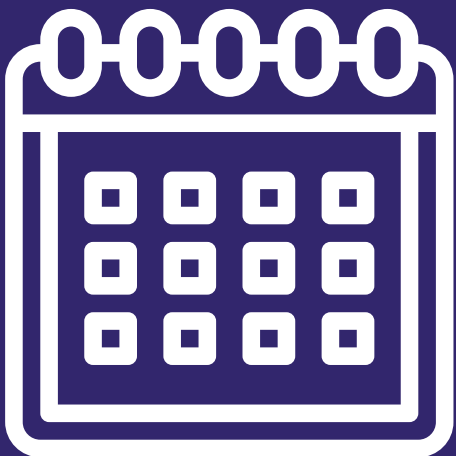
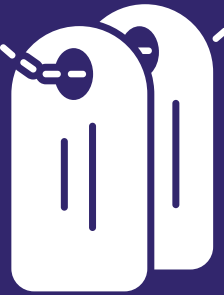
The *Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)* is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.

When is there another ASVAB test?

The next opportunity to take the ASVAB will be February 15, 2024 and sign-ups will be opening in January 2024, stay tuned for more information.

How do I prepare for the ASVAB?

We recommend you explore: <https://www.officialasvab.com/> under the "Applicants" tab at the top. If you have any additional questions please feel free to reach out to Mr. Haynes in the counseling office.

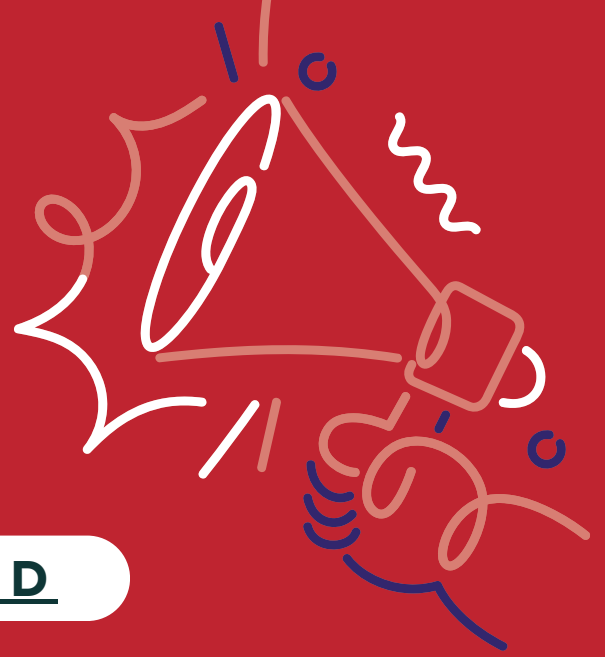


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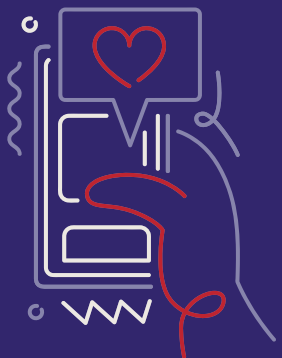
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as the FAFSA, is the official form to apply for federal financial aid to pay for college. It is also used by many states, individual colleges, and universities in making their financial aid decisions. The application will open by December 31, 2023. **Seniors if you haven't already create your FSA ID as soon as possible!**

FSA ID

The Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) is the username and password students use to complete the FAFSA.



[STUDENTAID.GOV/FSA-ID](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id)



CREATE YOUR FSA ID

You cannot create your FSA ID the same day that you complete the FAFSA, There is a 3 day verification once your ID is created. So don't wait and get it done now. Make sure that your parent(s) also create their own FSA ID too.



Info you need:

- Your Social Security Number (SSN)
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address (use a personal email address, not your school issued email)

NEED FAFSA HELP?

There is FREE help, you should never have to pay for FAFSA help. Reach out you can also get free information and help from your school counselor, the financial aid office at the college or career/trade school you plan to attend, or the U.S. Department of Education at StudentAid.gov or 1-800-433-3243.





SENIORS COLLEGE PLANNING



1. **Finalize your college list.** Decide which schools you would like to apply to and talk to counselors, teachers, and parents/legal guardians about your choices.
2. **Stay on track** with your grades and extracurricular activities. Focus on doing well in your classes and any of your extracurricular activities.
3. **Take standardized tests.** Register for and take the ACT or SAT. Check with Mr. Haynes about dates and locations.
4. **Start your scholarship search.** Apply to as many scholarships as you can.
5. **Create your FAFSA ID** and be ready to apply sometime in **December**, once the application opens for 2024-2025 year. If you have questions there is always FREE help, never pay for FAFSA assistance.
6. **Keep track of deadlines.** Create a calendar for application deadlines for admission, financial aid, and scholarships.
7. **Ask for letters of recommendations and start writing essays.** You should give recommenders at least two weeks notice and provide them with a resume so they can write the recommendation of your strengths.
8. **Complete applications.** Send all necessary materials including test scores, recommendations, transcripts, and application essays in advance of any deadlines.
9. **Continue your scholarship search.** Apply for scholarships whose deadlines are approaching and keep searching for more scholarship and grant opportunities.
10. **Compare** financial aid packages and make your final decision. Notify schools of your intent and accept an offer.

DON'T LOSE FOCUS



KEEP ON GOING

December / January

- Complete college applications
- Complete FAFSA application
- Research and apply for scholarships

February / March

- Continue Researching and Apply for Scholarships
- Keep track of deadlines
- Start reviewing acceptance and offer letters

April / May

- Make final decision and accept offer
- Continue to follow college deadlines and processes

CCRC NOTES

If you're not sure if you want to go to College or directly into the workforce after High School we can help. Our College and Career team would love to meet with you and help you discover a plan for life after High School. Contact Mr. Haynes in the Counseling Office.

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