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"A Special Time in a Special Place"

Date: December 6, 2023

Subject: 2023-2024 FAFSA Graduation Requirement Information

Dear 2024 Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

According to House Bill 3, every senior must complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a state-mandated Opt Out form in order to graduate.

Instructions

In the past, the FAFSA application window opened on October 1, but the state has revamped the application process. The application will now open on December 31, 2023.

- First, create a personal FAFSA ID ([Create FSA ID Here](#)) either as a parent or a student completing the form.
- Opt Out Forms are available and ready for pickup from your Counselor's office.
- Starting on December 31st, log on and complete the online application.
- Once you have completed your FAFSA application, please take a screenshot of the successful submission page, or the email you receive and email it to kristinastephens@melissaisd.org so we have documentation of you meeting your graduation requirement.

Still Need Help? Come to Our FAFSA Night

All seniors and their parents are invited to attend our MHS FAFSA Night. Collin College will give a short presentation over FAFSA, then will be available to answer any questions and help families fill out their FAFSA application.

- February 5, 2023
- Melissa High School Student Union
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **What to Bring:** Personal laptop (will have chromebooks available as well).
- You must have created an FSA ID ([Create FSA ID Here](#)) before the FAFSA night if you plan on filling it out at that time. Please allow yourself at least three days to receive your ID.

If you have any questions regarding the FAFSA application, Opt Out form, or the State of Texas graduation requirement (House Bill 3), please contact kristinastephens@melissaisd.org

Thank you,
Marcus Ecket
Melissa High School Principal