

## YOUR SENIOR CAN KEEP CALM AND FINISH STRONG WITH THE FAFSA!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Senior year is exciting, but it's also *a lot*. Between exams, college decisions and the reality that high school is almost over, your senior might be feeling a little overwhelmed. That's why this month, we're encouraging students to *Keep Calm and Finish Strong*. This theme reminds seniors to take a deep breath as they knock out their final to-dos before graduation.

One thing that doesn't have to be stressful? Filling out the FAFSA. It's the key to unlocking free money for college or career training (like grants and scholarships, including the Michigan Achievement Scholarship), work-study funds and loans. Submitting the FAFSA can give you and your child peace of mind about paying for their next chapter.



### 3 STRESS-FREE STEPS TO COMPLETING THE FAFSA.

1. Gather Social Security numbers and income info (like bank balances and tax returns).
2. Create [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) accounts for you and your child.
3. Fill out the FAFSA together — it takes most families 30 minutes or less to complete!

We know this time of year can feel like a whirlwind, but *breathe easy* — we're here to help. If you have any questions or need support, don't hesitate to reach out to the counseling office.