**11th Grade Jumpstart: A Workshop in Preparation for College Financial Aid**

As a junior in high school, it’s time to prepare for your college search and application process, which includes applying for financial aid! This workshop will help you learn about paying for college, prepare for financial aid, and set you up to start applying for scholarships in an effort to help you reduce or eliminate the need for student loans while you’re in college. Follow each of the steps below and if you need assistance, you’ll be able to reserve a virtual appointment to get help!

**Step 1**
Take [this brief survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedNSmGj-F9bU06WU02EQqqZGLpKg7d5UhmD9skcr-TxVmKmA/viewform?usp=sf_link) to show us what you know about financial aid!

**Step 2**
[Watch this video presentation](https://youtu.be/XssrMf2pfFM) about the tasks you’ll complete today.

**Step 3**
Visit <http://fsaid.ed.gov> to create your FSA ID (and then help your parent create their own if necessary). Use the [FAFSA Instructional Handout](https://www.oakland.edu/Assets/Oakland/financialservices/files-and-documents/Financial-Aid/FAFSA-Workshops/FAFSA%20Workshop%20Instructional%20Handout.pdf) to record the information and file it away for the future when you complete your FAFSA.

**Step 4**
Visit each of the following scholarship search engine websites, create a profile and begin applying for scholarships. Set a weekly or monthly goal of how many scholarships you want to apply for and reach that goal regularly. The more applications you submit, the more college money you can earn!

* [CollegeBoard.org](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)
* [Fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com/)
* [Goodcall.com](http://www.goodcall.com/)
* [CareerOneStop.org](https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx)

**Step 5**
If you encountered any trouble today or need help, [reserve a virtual appointment with a financial aid professional](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BA9AF2BA7FF2-jumpstart)!

BONUS Activities!

* Participate in a [Virtual Financial Aid Information Webinar](https://www.oakland.edu/financialservices/events/#tab-1) with your family to learn about financial aid
* Reserve a [Virtual FAFSA Appointment](https://www.oakland.edu/financialservices/events/#tab-2) to get help completing your FAFSA in October.
* Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov/) and log in using your newly created FSA ID. Complete college preparation activities found there!