

STUDENT CHECKLIST

FOR 2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Are you ready for graduation?

Use this checklist with your guidance counselor to record your progress towards graduation!



- Selection of diploma pathway (ideally selected no later than end of 10th grade)
- [Jump Start Career Diploma \(TOPS Tech\)](#)
- [TOPS University](#)



- Selection of an Industry Based Credential (**only required for Career Diploma**) offered in your selected Jump Start graduation pathway (*No later than end of 10th grade*) – [Jump Start Fact Sheets](#)



- Completion of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before graduation

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SCAN THIS CODE WITH YOUR SMART DEVICE TO ACCESS THE INTERACTIVE CHECKLIST



- Selection of a Jump Start graduation pathway offered at your high school, when pursuing the Jump Start Career Diploma (*No later than end of 10th grade*) – [graduation pathways by region and high school](#)



- Completion of Louisiana college applications and/or seeking **employment** aligned to your Jump Start Industry Based Credentials (*No later than beginning of 11th grade*)



WHAT FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

- **FEDERAL GRANTS**
- **STUDENT LOANS**
- **WORK STUDY PROGRAMS**
- [LOUISIANA'S TAYLOR OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OR TOPS](#)
- **INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is a form prepared annually by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid. As of the 2017-2018 school year, all high school seniors in Louisiana will be required to complete the FAFSA or apply for a waiver in order to graduate.

WHEN IS THE FAFSA AVAILABLE?

The FAFSA application is available each year on October 1. Students should complete the application in their senior year of high school and each year in college or a university to continue qualifying for aid. Early completion is encouraged, since students may qualify for additional state or institutional aid.

Go to WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV and select "Start a New FAFSA"

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