

Counselor Corner  
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Stuck on the FAFSA? You should have completed this task already to maximize scholarship opportunities, but for admissions you still have time. Colby Community College will host a hands on program to help you complete task on April 24. May 29 or June 25. Financial Aid will set up shop in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Union. from 5:00pm - 7:00pm CT.

Sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWS6P-ORLcVoPHr-ZOoj5ouKBWITs3suT7faItyKMr3ODPSQ/viewform>. You can participate by zoom if you can't get to the Union. You must have your FSA ID 3 days before whichever session you attend. You can do that at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.

Speaking of the FAFSA, this is what Kansas State is telling its students: "As of this week, higher education institutions have begun to receive FAFSA data from the Federal Government to move forward with reviewing for students. As institutions have started to review, there have been some discrepancies with data that has been received, so we are anticipating additional delays. At K-State, our current goal is to have financial aid package information out to admitted students by mid-April.

Each student has a financial aid advisor from our Office of Student Financial Assistance team that are available to assist students and their families with information about the financial aid process, including how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or how to apply for K-State scholarships. More information about scheduling opportunities and contact information can be found at [www.k-state.edu/sfa/about/advisor/](http://www.k-state.edu/sfa/about/advisor/)."

Financial aid is a vital part of most student's ability to attend a post-secondary school. Stay in touch with the financial aid office at the school you are attending. Schools are handling this differently, because they are under pressure due to the late release of FAFSA info.

Are you in grades 5-11, and want to have hands-on experiences in math/science that can help guide your future plans? The GROW and EXCITE summer workshops (June 5-7) at Kansas State are just the ticket. My youngest daughter attended this camp, learned about grain chemistry (bakery science), and now makes a lot more money than her dad working in that field.

Students will live in KSU residence halls, and will have a little college experience. The early bird registration and scholarship deadline is April 30 (yes, you can get scholarships to offset the cost). Find out all you need at [www.k-state.edu/kawse/grow/events/summer-workshop.html](http://www.k-state.edu/kawse/grow/events/summer-workshop.html)

My oldest daughter is an RN, and she benefited from doing rounds at Hays Med and all the other learning experiences at the Nightingale Experience. Fort Hays State University will be offering high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to see what it's like in the life of a nurse, with our 2024 Nightingale Experience! FHSU has developed 3 separate dates for the event this year; Wednesday, June 12th , Tuesday September 17th, and Monday, November 11th. Students can sign up for whichever date works best for them!

Registration will be limited to 15 participants per date and is now LIVE! Go to [www.fhsu.edu/nursing/Nightingale-Experience/index](http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing/Nightingale-Experience/index) to register. Notification of completed registration and any further correspondence will be e-mailed to the address provided. More information regarding this life-changing event can be found on the FHSU website at: [www.fhsu.edu/nursing](http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing), or by contacting Laurie Dinkel at [lrinkel2@fhsu.edu](mailto:lrinkel2@fhsu.edu).

The Anne Ford Scholarship is a \$10,000 scholarship (\$2,500/year over four years) granted to a graduating high school senior who will enroll in a full-time bachelor's degree program in the fall. Students must have a documented learning disability (LD). Students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) who also have a learning disability, are encouraged to apply. Deadline to apply is April 13. Find out more at <https://ncld.org/scholarships-awards/>.

Deadlines to remember: May 1-Deadline to apply for O'Brate Scholarships; May 1 is also the deadline to apply for Hispanic Institute at FHSU; May 3-deadline to apply for June 8 ACT; June 7-deadline to apply for July 13 ACT. Sophomore/Juniors Days: April 15 at FHSU; Freshman/Sophomore Day at WSU-April 27; Sophomores/Juniors at Washburn-April 12; Junior Day at GCCC-April 27.