



### **Financial Aid Night:**

Chardon High School will be hosting a Financial Aid Night in collaboration with the Lake Educational Assistance Foundation (LEAF). The FAFSA has undergone MAJOR changes this year. It is highly recommended that all parents with children attending college attend this meeting.

### **Financial Aid Night**

**Chardon Middle School**

**LGIR**

**January 17th, 2024**

**6:00pm-7:30pm**



The **2024-25 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** is an online financial aid application that students should complete if they plan to attend college in the 2024-25 academic year. This form will open up for filing by December 31 at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

The FAFSA is the one form that all colleges, universities, and career technical schools require to allow students to be considered for federal and state-funded need-based aid, including federal loans. It is also the form that MOST schools require to award their own institutional need-based aid. Some colleges (typically private institutions) require a second form like the **CSS Profile** or their own institutional form posted on their website. Check "Financial Aid" tabs on your schools' websites for requirements and deadlines.

**Plan to file the FAFSA by Priority Filing Deadlines.** These deadlines will vary by institution. You can list up to 20 schools on your FAFSA and they will all receive your information when you submit the one application. If you file your FAFSA by the earliest FAFSA Priority Filing Deadline of all the schools on your list, then they will all receive it on time or ahead of time. Institutional aid is limited. By meeting Priority Filing Deadlines, you are maximizing your aid eligibility.

**There are steps you can take now** to be prepared to file the FAFSA when it opens, including setting up FSA IDs and gathering the needed financials. Review [LEAF's November E-Newsletter](#) to make sure you are ready.

[Click here for answers to common FAFSA-related questions](#)

### **Upcoming Virtual Information Sessions**

#### **Financial Aid/Filing the FAFSA**

Monday, January 29, 2024, 6:30-7:30 pm

Understanding the various forms of college financial aid and the FAFSA, and how LEAF can help you complete the FAFSA filing process.

#### **Making Sense of Financial Aid Offers**

Monday, February 26, 2024, 6:30-7:30 pm

The admission process is over and financial aid offers have arrived. An expert will walk you through comparing college costs and the terminology used on these offers so that you can understand the final costs to attend and be prepared to make decisions.

#### **Making Sense of Student Loan Options**

Monday, March 4, 2024, 6:30-7:30 pm

There is typically a gap between the aid provided on financial aid offers and the final cost to attend. Loans can be used to fill that gap. A school loan expert will discuss available loan options (Subsidized vs Unsubsidized or Parent PLUS vs Private) and their impact on your future.

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