



Need help completing the FAFSA?

JICHS Parents, guardians and students,

If you need help completing your FAFSA application, please contact the JICHS Guidance Department at (843) 762-8356 and sign up for an appointment to work with Mary Cartwright, TTC Education Specialist. All JICHS seniors are encouraged to take advantage of this personalized, individual assistance regardless of where they plan to attend college.

Appointments will be scheduled for Thursdays and will be scheduled hourly. This will begin on Thursday, February 15th and 22nd between 9:00 – 12:00pm. Our plan is to continue throughout the rest of the spring every Thursday.

Call now for an appointment. See attached document for what to bring to your appointment!

Sincerely,

JICHS Guidance Department

What is the Educational Opportunity Center?

The Educational Opportunity Center is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education designed to assist adults in obtaining postsecondary education (education beyond the high school/GED level).

How much do your services cost?

All of our services are free!

Who is eligible?

All U.S. citizens and permanent resident aliens who:

- live in Berkeley, Charleston or Dorchester counties
- are 18 years of age or older (**They will work with all JICHS seniors!**)
- are enrolled or want to enroll in ANY college

What services do we provide?

- Information: College admissions, financial aid and scholarship search
- Counseling: Academic, career and postsecondary enrollment
- Technical assistance: Help in preparing applications for financial aid and postsecondary admissions
- Preparation: Help with preparing for college entrance exams (SAT, ACT, ACCUPLACER)
- Referrals: GED classes and contact information on other agencies where you can receive services not provided by EOC
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How are these services provided?

- Individual counseling and information sessions at any of our offices in the Charleston area
- Group counseling and information sessions
- Workshops on college financial aid, career direction and financial literacy
- College tours: in-state and out-of-state colleges
- Instruments (self-directed search) to help discover occupational and educational interests

What information do I need to create an FSA ID (electronic signature for the FAFSA) and to complete my 2018-2019 FAFSA?

Student:

- If you worked in 2016 and filed taxes, **please bring your 2016 Tax Return**
- If you worked in 2016 and are not required to file taxes (usually because you did not make the amount of money the IRS requires a tax filer to make), **please bring all W-2 statements received from your employers**
- Your **Social Security Number** and **Date of Birth**
- Your **email address and the password** to access your email.
- The month and year your parents were married, divorced, separated or widowed

Parents:

- If you worked in 2016 and filed taxes, **please bring your 2016 Tax Return**
Please note: If you are married and filed separately, your and your spouse's 2016 Tax Returns are required.
- If you worked in 2016 and are not required to file taxes (usually because you did not make the amount of money the IRS requires a tax filer to make), **please bring all W-2 statements received from your employers**
Please note: If you are married and neither you nor your spouse is required to file taxes, your and your spouse's W-2 statements are required
- Your **Social Security Number** and **Date of Birth**
- Your **spouse's Social Security Number** and **Date of Birth**
- If you are **separated**, please know the **month and year your separation began**
- If you are **divorced**, please know the **month and year your divorce was finalized**
- Your **email address and the password** to access your email.

FYI:

- **Students and Parents:** if you did not have any income in 2016, that **DOES NOT** prevent you from being eligible to receive federal funds to attend college
- If you have any questions or if you believe you have special circumstances in regards to the information above, please contact Mary Cartwright @ 843-722-5510