

# FAFSA How to...

## Senator Patrick Gallivan



Apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, loans, and work-study, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and easier than ever, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school.

In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

### FAFSA Seminar

presented by

**Genesee Community College**  
**Katy Brown**

Seminar Schedule:

**5:30-6:15 ~ 6:30-7:15**

**High School Auditorium**

### Event Sponsors

Wyoming County Business Education Council  
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### Find Your Future

2014

# College & Career Fair

## Including FAFSA Seminars

Thursday, April 24th  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Perry Central High School  
33 Watkins Avenue, Perry, NY

Parents and Students of  
Grades 8 - 12



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### Prepare Before the Fair

- Review the list of colleges and businesses attending the fair. Make your own list you would like to get more information from at the fair.
- Discuss college or career options with parents and prepare questions to ask college representatives and business representatives.

### During the Fair

- Review the map of the gymnasium floor plan well before the fair and review the listing of the colleges at the fair with their corresponding booth numbers. Find and circle your colleges /business of choice.
- Attend FAFSA workshop to learn how to complete the FAFSA application and how it benefits students.
- Visit the booths of your top choice schools/businesses first, and don't forget to ask questions.

### After the Fair

- Review all of the materials you received at the fair, share the information with your parents.
- Cross off or add colleges to your list of schools you are interested in.
- List the business industry you are interested in learning more about.
- Go online, visit the colleges' websites, and set up a visit to colleges of interest. High school calendars are often different from college calendars – there are times throughout the school year when colleges are in session and your high school might be on vacation – this would be an opportune time to set up a college visit. It is VERY important to visit a college before you commit to attending there.
- Follow-up with your guidance counselor for more information about your college /career choice.

### College:

1. What are the admission requirements (GPA, SAT/ACT scores, class rank, etc.)?
2. What is the admission policy of your school (application deadline and fee, rolling admissions, early admissions, etc.)?
3. What do I need to do to complete your college admissions process? Is an essay required? If yes, what should I write about?
4. Is an admissions interview required, or just strongly suggested? What type of questions will be discussed?
5. What is the cost for one year? What types of financial aid are available?
6. Are academic or athletic scholarships available, if so what are the criteria?
7. When should I begin the financial aid process? What is the average freshman award?
13. Does your school give college credit for Advanced Placement (AP) examinations? What AP score is needed in order to receive college credit?
14. How do I schedule a campus visit?

### Careers:

1. What are the educational requirements to work at your company?
2. What skills are needed for the positions within your company?
3. Tell me about your company
4. How many employees do you have?
5. Can you describe the corporate culture?
6. How do you see these jobs changing over the next five years?
7. What can I do to prepare myself for these changes?
8. Can I visit your company or do a job shadow?

### Career Exploration

- NYS Career Zone: [www.nycareerzone.org](http://www.nycareerzone.org)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- ONET online: [online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org)
- What can I do with this major? [www.studentaffairs.buffalo.edu/career/majors/default.shtml](http://www.studentaffairs.buffalo.edu/career/majors/default.shtml)

### College Search

- ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- Any College: [www.anycollege.com](http://www.anycollege.com)
- College Answer: [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)
- College Board: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling: [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)
- Next Step Magazine: [www.nextstepmagazine.com](http://www.nextstepmagazine.com)
- Petersons: [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- State University of New York: [www.suny.edu/student](http://www.suny.edu/student)

### Financial Aid

- Fast Web: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Federal Financial Aid: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Financial Aid: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- NYS Financial Aid Administrators Association: [www.nysfaaa.org](http://www.nysfaaa.org)
- NYS Higher Education Services Corporation: [www.hesc.com](http://www.hesc.com)
- Scholarship: [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- Five Star Bank
- The Bank of Castile
- M&T Bank