



**Central City High School Apply to College Day for Seniors September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018!!!**  
**Parents you are encouraged to join us!**

We have special guests coming to Central City High School during the school day for **Apply to College Day**! Representatives from Education Quest, the University of Nebraska at Kearney (who can also help you to apply to UNL, UNO, and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis), Nebraska Wesleyan University, Wayne State College, and Central Community College will join us. The senior class will be split in half during periods 3 and 4 on this day and the students will attend two mini workshops. Parents are invited to join us too (come to the HS Office at 9:40 am)!

Students will need to complete the attached **College Application Checklist** ahead of time and bring it to the presentation on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Students will need an email address of their own (They cannot use their @centralcityps.org email address for college applications or for the FAFSA; and cannot use their parent's email address for the FAFSA.). Students also need to bring their own Social Security number (should not bring the SS card, but could keep a picture of the number in their phone).

**Period 3** (Starting at 9:41 am):

Last Names: A – L will be in Mrs. Gathje's Room to hear from Education Quest and to learn about FAFSA completion.

Last Names: M-Z will be in the Media Center to complete college applications with UNK, CCC, Nebraska Wesleyan, Wayne State, or another college of their choice.

**Period 4** (Starting at 10:31 am):

Last Names: M-Z will be in Mrs. Gathje's Room to hear from Education Quest and to learn about FAFSA completion.

Last Names: A-L will be in the Media Center to complete college applications with UNK, CCC, Nebraska Wesleyan, Wayne State, or another college of their choice.

If students plan to apply to UNL, students will want to either have Personal Statements already completed and saved on their Chromebooks, or else submitted later through their My Red accounts. Personal statements should be well written and free of any errors. Personal statements may be up to 500 words and should explain the experiences that have shaped the students who have applied – the community circumstances they've overcome, their leadership experiences, their career goals, examples of their commitment to help underserved communities, and their experiences with the global community.

**Seniors – Are you ready for the FAFSA?**

Seniors - If you're going to college during the 2019-20 academic year, be aware that you can complete and submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) beginning in **October 2018** using 2017 income tax data. This has been a change from a few years ago when students had to wait until after January 1 and use tax data from the previous year.

The **FAFSA** is the application for federal, state and college-based financial aid. Before starting the **FAFSA**, create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov) (one for you and one for a parent). The IDs are needed to access the FAFSA and other Federal Student Aid website. They also serve as your signature for the FAFSA. You should complete the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) beginning on or after October 1, but before your college's FAFSA priority date. Contact the college(s) to learn their priority dates (usually in the Spring).

Colleges will use the results of the FAFSA to determine how much they will award in financial aid. This could be a combination of scholarships, grants, work-study, and student loans.

For free help, see the online FAFSA Tools at [www.educationquest.edu](http://www.educationquest.edu) or call EducationQuest to make an appointment at their office. Office locations are in Omaha (888.357.6300), Lincoln (800.303.3745), Kearney (800.666.3721), and Scottsbluff (800.303.3745, ext. 6654). Education Quest is also offering a new service using **GoToAssist** where EducationQuest can remote into parents/students computers and assist them with forms from the EducationQuest main office.

Please note: There will be a limited number of appointments available for seniors/parents of seniors available at Central City High School. Please contact me right away if you are interested in meeting at Central City High School to complete your FAFSA during the day of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.