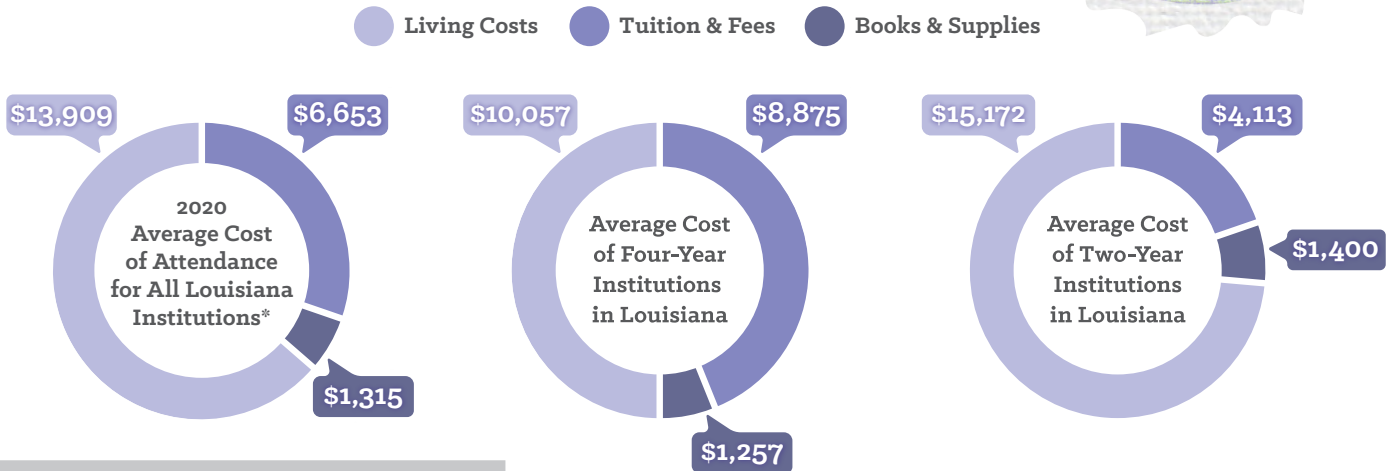
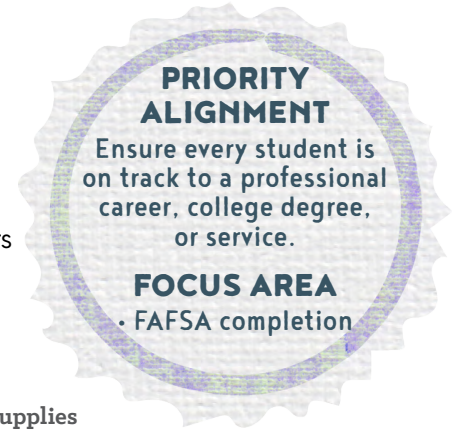


WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT?

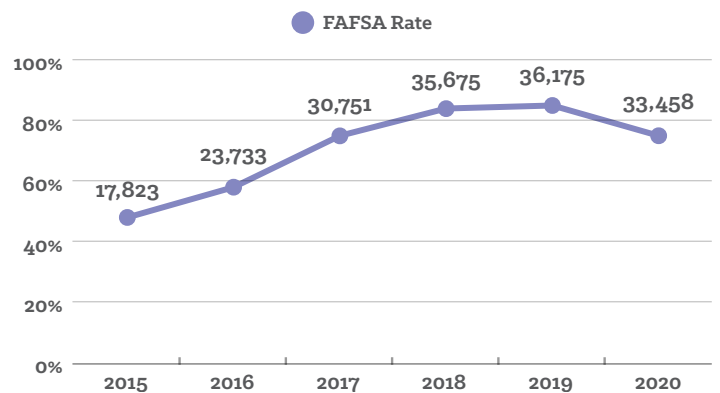
A high school diploma is no longer enough to earn graduates a living wage in today's economy. Some form of postsecondary education or training is essential. A major barrier to accessing postsecondary education and training is financial resources. State and Federal Financial Aid can be accessed by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial Aid can remove barriers to accessing four-year universities, two-year community colleges, and technical training programs. It takes about 20 minutes to complete the FAFSA and open the door to infinite possibilities for postsecondary education and training.



WHAT HAS COVID CHANGED ABOUT FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT IN LOUISIANA?

This year has brought on unprecedented challenges in the worlds of k-12 and postsecondary education due to the COVID pandemic. Although the majority of jobs in the nation require some type of postsecondary education, the pandemic has caused lower numbers of students to complete the Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and enroll in postsecondary programs, at all levels, in the fall of 2020.

FAFSA SUBMISSION RATES FOR LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



WHAT'S NEXT FOR FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT?

Over the next year, Louisiana will continue to focus on equipping schools, students and families with the trainings and tools they need to complete the FAFSA.

Additionally, the Department will ensure that more students each year are exposed to financial aid planning by working closely with LOSFA, LELA, colleges and universities and other community partners and organizations to expand financial aid awareness.

