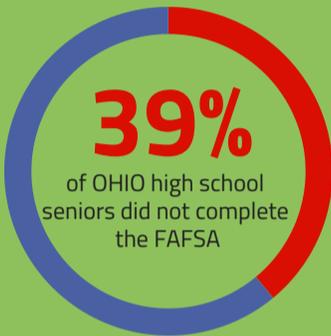


PRIORITIZING FAFSA COMPLETION in OHIO

90% of FAFSA Completers Immediately Enroll in College

According to research, FAFSA completion is strongly associated with postsecondary enrollment. Approximately 90 percent of high school seniors who complete the FAFSA attend college directly from high school, compared to just 55 percent of FAFSA noncompleters.



48,000 Ohio High School Seniors Did not Complete the FAFSA

In 2019, 61% of Ohio high school seniors completed the FAFSA which means over **48 thousand high school seniors** did not submit a FAFSA last year.

Students Need More Information & Supports

- **23 percent** of FAFSA non-completers stated that they did not have enough information about how to complete a FAFSA.
- **32 percent** of FAFSA non-completers thought that they may be ineligible or that their family may not qualify for financial aid.



\$87 million

\$87 Million in Unused Federal Financial Aid

In Ohio, approximately 45% of students are eligible for Pell Grants each year. This means **21,600 high school seniors** who may have been awarded a Pell Grant did not receive one. According to the 2018 Trends in Student Aid Report, the average Pell Grant awarded to a student in the U.S. was \$4010.

Completion Rates Vary by State

States such as Tennessee and Louisiana have shown that prioritizing FAFSA supports can lead to dramatic increases in completion rates in a short period. With a collaborative effort from K-12 and higher education leaders, states and communities can help millions more students afford postsecondary education and training.

