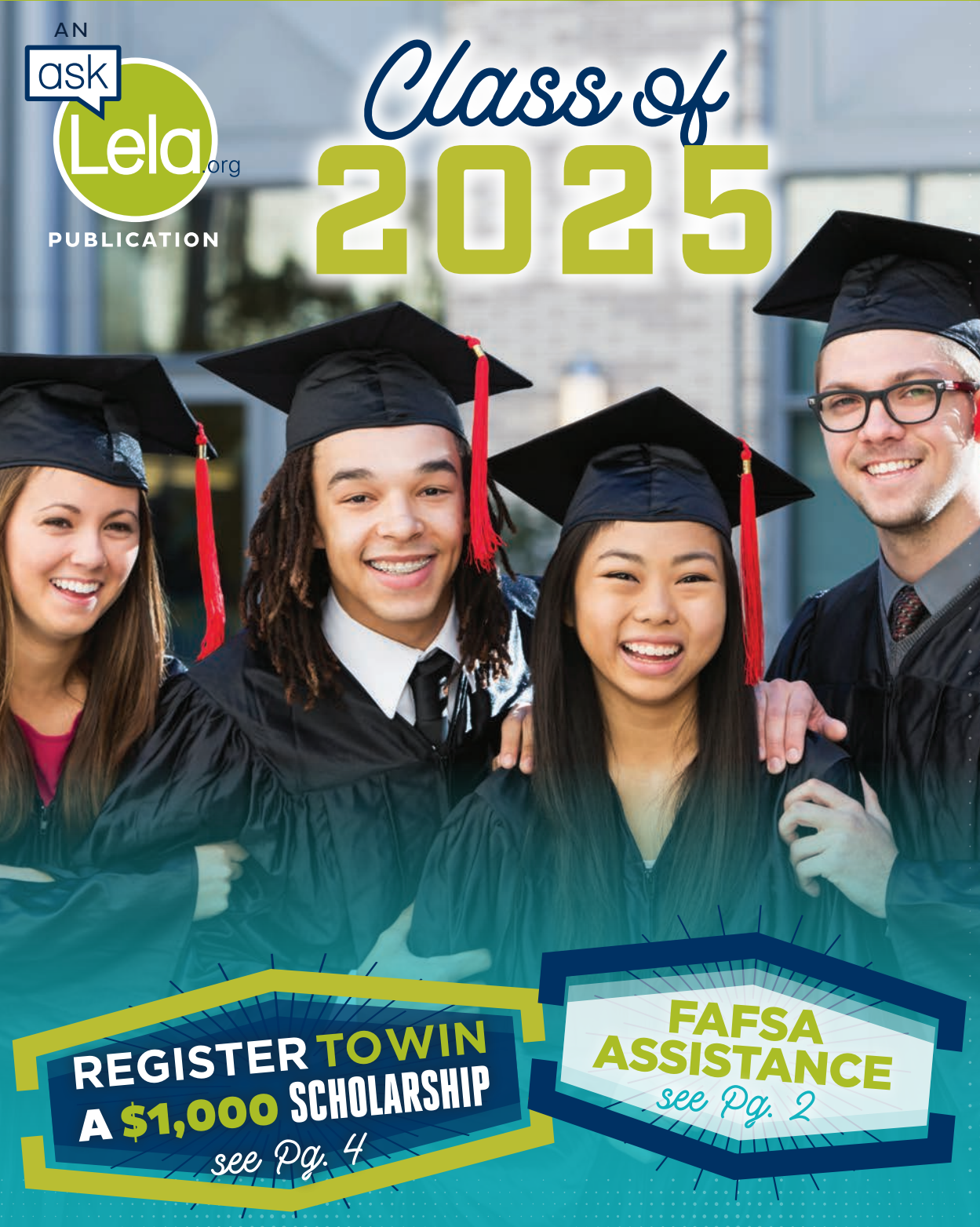


FAFSA *Completion*

GUIDE & WORKBOOK



Class of **2025**



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LELA *Impact*



19,000
Families

Lela assisted over 19,000 Louisiana families in 2023.



\$14,500
in Scholarships

Lela awarded \$14,500 in scholarships to Louisiana students in 2023.



8,000
FAFSA
Assistance

Lela assisted over 8,000 students with the FAFSA in 2023.

For the tenth consecutive year Lela provided its "how to" FAFSA Completion Guide & Parent Guide to every Louisiana high school.

INTRODUCTION TO LELA

Who is Lela?



The Louisiana Education Loan Authority (Lela) is Louisiana's nonprofit resource for free FAFSA completion assistance, college access and affordable financing, and is a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA)— a nonprofit public trust established to bring financing assistance and advantages to the people of Louisiana. Lela's mission is to develop projects and programs which provide resources for college access and statewide outreach initiatives to help ensure students' success on their path to and through college. The Lela team assists families remotely with FAFSA completion through its free virtual completion sessions, FAFSA HELPLine, offers free resources to Louisiana high school counselors and provides low cost supplemental loans for college expenses. (see back cover)

 Website: www.Lela.org

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What is the **FAFSA?**

The FAFSA is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**. Completing this free form is the first step toward getting federal financial aid to help pay for college. It can be filed at www.fafsa.gov.



 **FAFSA HELPLINE**
CALL (844) 463-2372
(844) GO FAFSA

NEED HELP *Completing the FAFSA?*

STUDENTS & PARENTS

 Scan here to request a **FREE virtual FAFSA session!**



SCAN HERE!

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO POST ON YOUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

-  **FAFSA Completion Guide and Workbook**
-  **Parent's Guide for College Planning**
-  **Senior Checklist for College Planning**

For more information visit @ lela.org

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE!

STEP 1

FSA ID

CREATE YOUR FSA ID AT [STUDENTAID.GOV/FSa-ID/CREATE-ACCOUNT](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account)

FSA ID ITEMS NEEDED

- ➔ Social Security or Alien Registration card
- ➔ Personal Email Address
- ➔ Cell Phone Number
- ➔ Download an Authenticator App

Create your FSA ID account at studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account

Student Username: _____

Student Password: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Backup Code: _____

CREATE
YOUR STUDENT
FSA ID

IDENTIFY YOUR PARENT CONTRIBUTOR

Never married, divorced or separated	➔ Report parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months
Unmarried and both legal parents living together	➔ Report both legal parents
Married	➔ Report both of your parents
Remarried (after being widowed or divorced)	➔ Parent and stepparent
Widowed	➔ Report the surviving parent and step-parent (if remarried)

Parent Username: _____

Parent Password: _____

Email Address: _____

(Do not use the same email address as your child/student.)

Cell Phone Number: _____

Backup Code: _____

CREATE
YOUR PARENT
FSA ID

STEP 2

FAFSA

SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA AT [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov) | *Scheduled to launch December 1, 2024*

FAFSA ITEMS NEEDED

- ➔ FSA ID for Student & Parents(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) Social Security number(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) legal name(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) date(s) of birth
- ➔ IRS Income Tax Return & W-2s for Year 2023 for student & parent(s)
- ➔ Records of Untaxed Income for student & parent(s)
- ➔ Records of Assets for student & parent(s)
- ➔ List of Schools you're interested in attending

QUESTIONS? CONTACT A LELA SPECIALIST FOR ASSISTANCE!

info@lela.org

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BEGIN AT LELA.ORG.
REGISTER TO WIN NOW!

STEP
3

SCHOLARSHIPS



2 WAYS TO WIN
Lela Scholarships!



FAFSA COMPLETION
Scholarship
\$1,000

**LOUISIANA
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

REGISTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AT



CHOOSE LOUISIANA
Scholarship
\$1,000

LOUISIANA COLLEGE STUDENTS

REGISTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AT



college Financial Aid **PROCESS**

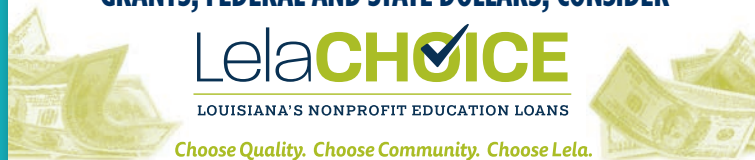
— 2024 - 2025 —

- **COMPLETE ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS** and meet all requirements for your colleges of interest.
- **CREATE FSA IDs** for student and parent at studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account.
- **COMPLETE THE 2025-26 FAFSA** when it becomes available, using your 2023 IRS Tax Return.
- **REVIEW YOUR FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY**, which will be sent via email from Federal Student Aid.
- **CREATE YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT** at the college by following instructions from the admissions office.
- **RESPOND TO VERIFICATION REQUESTS** from the college financial aid office in a timely manner so your aid can be processed quickly.
- **REVIEW YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER** and accept only what you will need to complete the 2025-26 academic year.
- **COMPLETE ENTRANCE COUNSELING** if you accept student loans, to understand your rights and responsibilities as a Borrower.
- **SIGN YOUR MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE** if you accept student loans, **PROMISING TO REPAY** any money that you borrow.
- **FINANCIAL AID WILL BE** sent directly to your college and **DEPOSITED INTO YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT**.



NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COVER YOUR COLLEGE EXPENSES?

STUDENTS OR PARENTS WHO NEED TO “FILL A FUNDING GAP” AFTER FACTORING IN ALL SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, FEDERAL AND STATE DOLLARS, CONSIDER-



FOR MORE DETAILS
AND TO APPLY, VISIT
LELACHOICE.ORG



*Pre-Qualify
Now!*

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