FAFSA Process:

1. Parent and student each create FSA ID (3-5 days to process):

2. Student completes the FAFSA and invites contributors (parents). List up to 20 schools that you have applied to:

3. Contributors complete and submit their part of the FAFSA **within 45 days** of the student submitting. FAFSA is incomplete until the contributor submits.

4. In a few days you will receive your student aid report (SAR) by email. This will include your Pell Grant eligibility and list your Student Aid Index (SAI).

5. If you have been accepted to a college you listed on your FAFSA you will receive a financial aid offer letter including grants, scholarships, work study and/or loans (March/April).

6. You may be automatically considered for some grants and receive email notifications if you are eligible. Follow up submissions may be required.

7. Accept awards! You accept your financial aid package through the school you choose. You accept MD state awards in your MDCAPS account.