



AZ FAFSA Challenge Incentive Inspiration

SET A GOAL

Setting a FAFSA Completion Goal for the school year should be a collaborative process involving school administration, teachers, counselors, staff and students. Make your goal ambitious but attainable. It is recommended to set a goal 5% higher than last year's FAFSA completion rate. Make your goal public! Share your goal with your school and community to build excitement.

Below are some incentives to help motivate your students and reach your goal!
Use one of our suggestions or create your own!

FREE INCENTIVES

- Free tickets to school sporting events
- Free Prom or Homecoming tickets
- Family Members present student their diploma at graduation
- Principal/Assistant Principal dress-up OR do something funny (i.e. Karaoke, Flash Mob w/ teachers, Pie throw, etc.)
- Access to Principal/Teacher parking for 5 days (consecutively or random)
- Detention OR Tardy Removal for referring students who have not completed their FAFSA applications
- Free yearbook OR Individual student recognition in the yearbook
- Movie day at school
- School Fun Day (i.e. dress up, DJ/music @ lunch, carnival games, etc.)
- King/Queen for a day raffle
- Essay discount; Student has 20% taken off of the total essay length
- Social media recognition
- Free points on test/Homework
- Free assignment redo
- Coupons for local businesses (ask for donations)
- Mid-day break (before OR after lunch; light snacks are a bonus!)
- Photo displayed in hallway (create collage for FAFSA wall of fame)
- Certificate of Recognition
- Admission to a game of Student VS. Teacher AND/OR Organize this Game (dodgeball, kickball, etc.)
- Homework Passes OR Extra Credit

LOW-COST INCENTIVES

- Cap & Gown Vouchers
- Free meals/Gift cards (i.e. Starbucks/Dutch Bros/Pizza Hut/McDonalds/Taco Bell/etc.)
- School Supplies Backpack/Gift Basket
- Movie tickets/Popcorn/Drink Vouchers
- Ice Cream Sundae FunDAY
- Field trip (students vote)
- Breakfast (ex. donuts/coffee)
- Bring food truck/coffee truck/vendor to serve the students
- Mystery gift bag
- Water balloon fight
- School store/bookstore certificate (students can buy snacks/t-shirt/etc. at school merchandise store)

Additional Resources

• **Tips to motivate students-**
<https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/motivating-students/>

• **Additional Incentives-**
<https://www.pbisapps.org/community/Pages/5-Ways-to-Reward-Students-the-Right-Way.aspx>

• **Free/Inexpensive Rewards for Students AND Teachers-**
<https://www.txbehaviorsupport.org/Assets/free-or-inexpensive-rewards-for-students-and-staff.pdf>

• **Additional motivation tips-**
<https://www.teachhub.com/top-12-ways-motivate-students>