Financial Aid Glossary

<u>COF (College Opportunity Fund)</u>: How the state sends money to state institutions for your students to receive state funding (tax money for in-state students). Only applicable to Colorado school.

<u>CSS profile (College Scholarship Service Profile)</u>: College Scholarship Service Profileused for elite schools to better assess income. Find at collegeboard.com

EFC (**Expected Family Contribution**): What the family will pay out of pocket for the school year.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): https://fafsa.ed.gov/

<u>Financial Aid Award Letter</u>: A letter/email you will get from your colleges explaining exactly what they will be giving you.

Grants: Free money that is given to a student for a variety of reasons from a variety of sources.

IRS Data Retrieval Tool: A program a family can use while in FAFSA to get their tax information directly from what they gave to the IRS.

Loans: Money the borrower gets to pay back.

- **Subsidized**: Federal Government pays interest while you are enrolled at least half-time in college and for six months after you graduate or leave college.
- Unsubsidized: Interest accrues while you are in college.
- Parent Plus: Low interest rate that parents can take out for their student.
- Federal Perkins Loan: An additional loan for low-income students.

SAR (Student Aid Report): The report of what has been entered into the student's FAFSA.

<u>Scholarships</u>: Free money given by a variety of entities (both school and private) for achievement, athletics, community service, leadership, activities, ethnicity, etc.

School Code: Our Federal Code:

JAHS: 060161

Summit Academy: 060533

*Student Aid Federal Government Website: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

Work Study: A government funded program that allows lower income students to work directly on campus in a variety of settings.

^{*}Excellent website