

WHEREAS; regardless of age, background, income, or ZIP code, every Wisconsinite deserves the opportunity to access a high-quality and affordable education, from early childhood to postsecondary education or career training after high school; and

WHEREAS; it is critical to Wisconsin's workforce development, economic development, and overall success that access to postsecondary education—including community colleges and technical schools—be maintained for all students; and

WHEREAS; applying for financial aid is the first step in qualifying for funding to pay for college and career training programs, and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) provides Wisconsinites with opportunities to access critical financial aid resources; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's FAFSA® Completion Initiative assists students and families in our state with filing the FAFSA®, and all Wisconsinites are encouraged to support our state's high school seniors and college students as they complete the necessary steps to access the financial aid resources that they need to succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin currently ranks 37th in the nation for the percentage of high school seniors completing the FAFSA® and, according to the National College Attainment Network FAFSA® Tracker, just 50.4 percent of the high school class of 2021 in Wisconsin has completed the FAFSA® as of September 17, 2021, representing a 5.4 percent decrease compared to the last academic year; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions in encouraging high school students, college students, and families across our state to file the FAFSA® and in inspiring students of all ages to set their sights on achieving postsecondary education by providing tools and resources to help them be financially secure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

FAFSA® FILING MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State