

Class of 2021

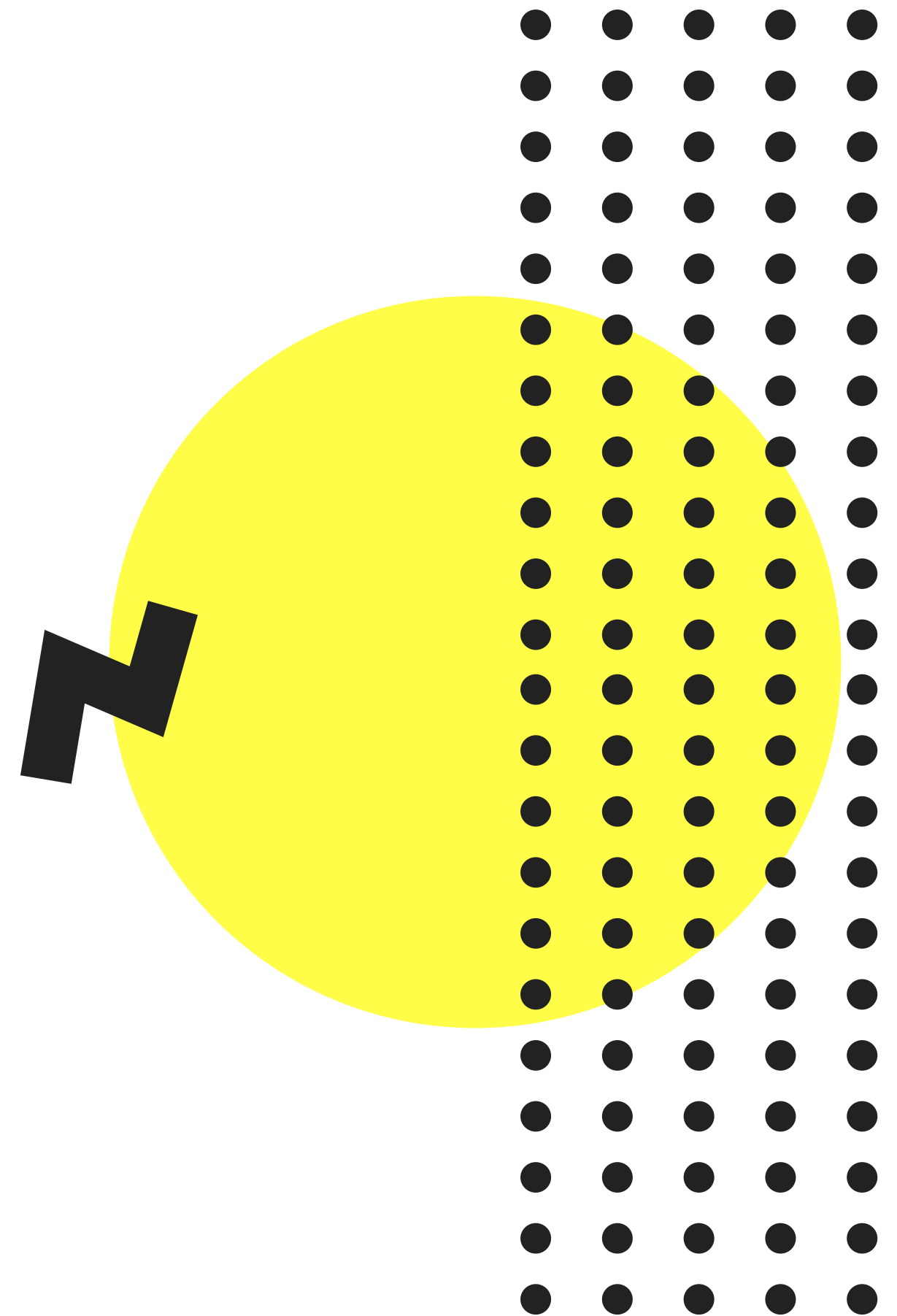
Financial Aid Basics

FAFSA/WASFA

CSS Profile

Scholarships

Resources



FAFSA

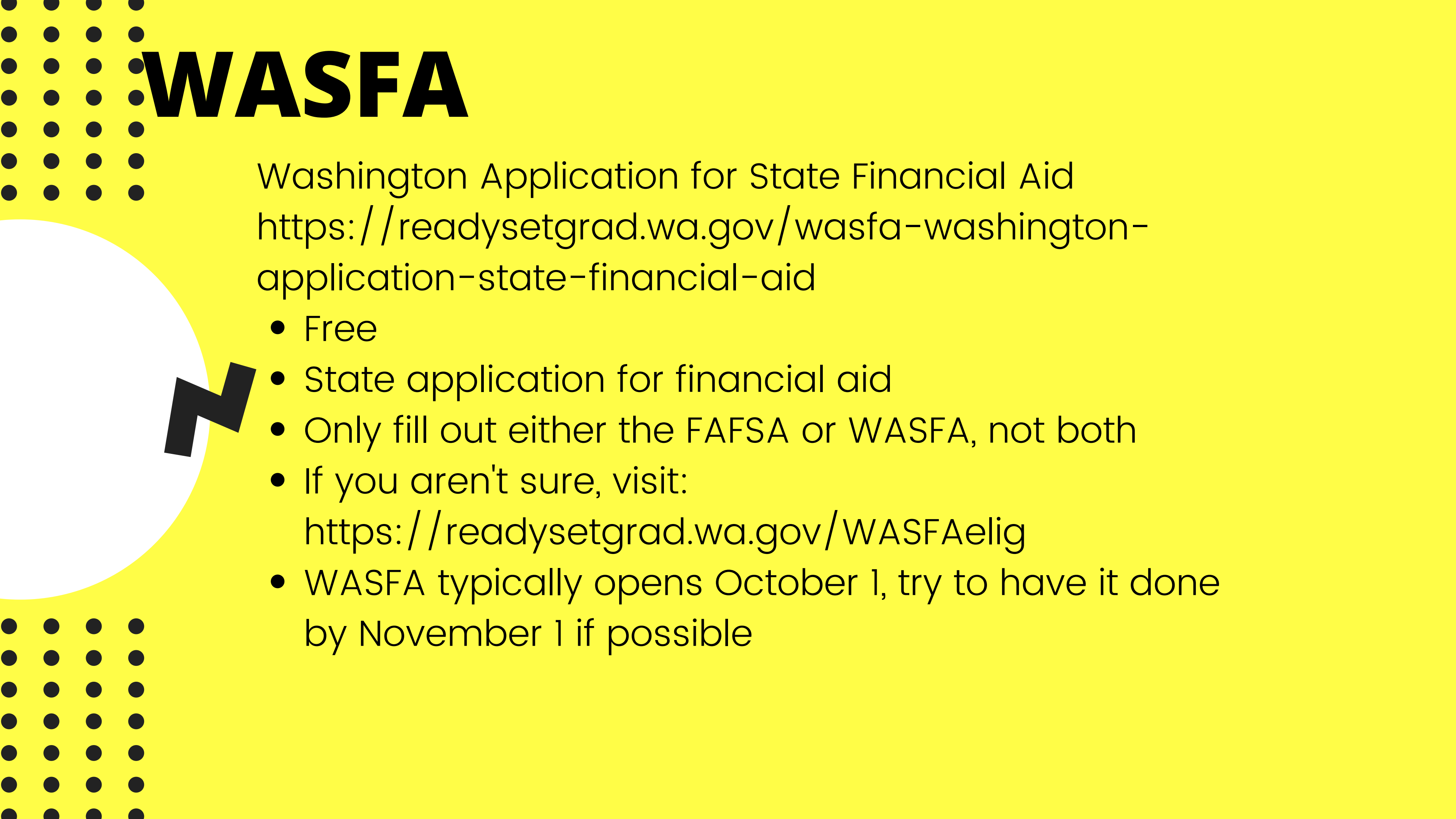
Free Application for Federal Student Aid:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid>

- Federal form, gives schools your financial information so they can award aid: work study, grants, and loans
- Free application
- Opens October 1
- Colleges all have different deadlines; try to have it done by November 1 (especially if you have the college bound scholarship).



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WASFA

Washington Application for State Financial Aid

<https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa-washington-application-state-financial-aid>

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- Free
- State application for financial aid
- Only fill out either the FAFSA or WASFA, not both
- If you aren't sure, visit:
<https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/WASFAelig>
- WASFA typically opens October 1, try to have it done by November 1 if possible

CSS Profile

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>

- Additional form some colleges use to award institutional financial aid
- Requires more information than FAFSA/WASFA
- Costs: Typically \$25 and \$16 for each additional college
- In addition to the FAFSA/WASFA
- Check whether your colleges requires CSS Profile early
- Usually opens October 1

Scholarships

Many resources for scholarships!

Most important: scholarships available from your colleges (all colleges have different processes)

RAHS Scholarship packet: available spring of senior year

Others:

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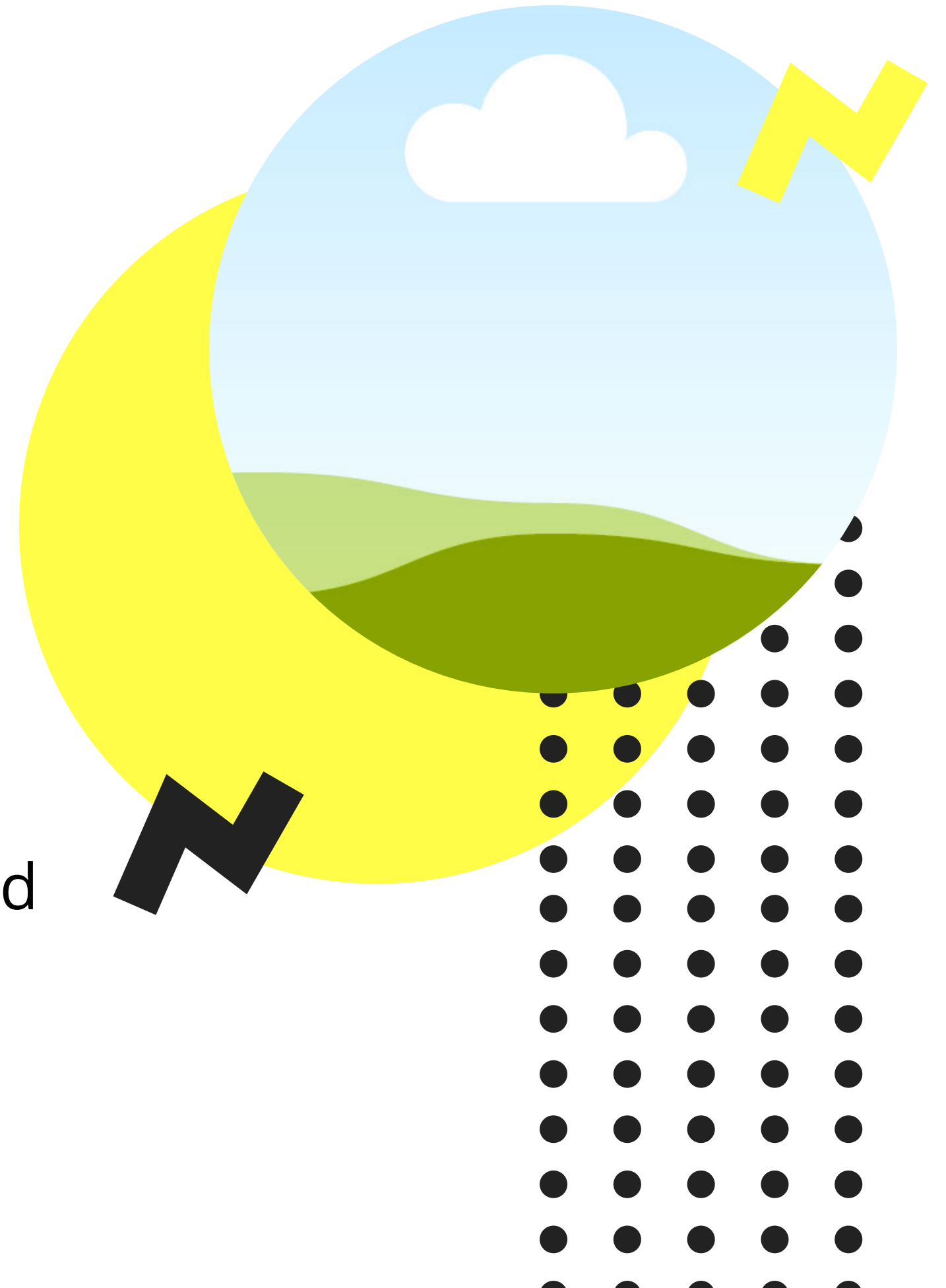
Scholarship newsletter available here:

<https://rahs.highlineschools.org/academics/counseling-center>



Next Steps

1. Research the financial aid process for your potential colleges
2. Research the scholarship process for your potential colleges
3. Look for other sources of scholarships
4. Get organized!
5. Start gathering your information and applying
6. Ask your advisor and/or Ms. Carper if you need any help



For more information:

In-depth information on FAFSA, WASFA, CSS Profile,
and more:

<https://rahs.highlineschools.org/academics/counseling-center>

Email me anytime!

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