

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid



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**Fill out your FAFSA
application as soon as
possible...**

Don't get caught sleeping!



**FAFSA aid
goes
fast!!!**

FAFSA CHECKLIST

Things you'll need to fill out FAFSA
(from the FAFSA Official website: fafsa.ed.gov)

- √ Your Social Security Number
- √ Your Alien Registration Number (If not a U.S. Citizen)
- √ Your Most Recent Federal income tax returns, W-2, and other records of money earned

Note: You may be able to transfer your Federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS data retrieval tool.

- √ Bank statement and records of investments (If applicable)
- √ Records of untaxed income (If applicable)
- √ A federal student aid Pin to sign electronically

Note: If you do not have a Pin visit www.pin.ed.gov to obtain one.

- * **If you are an dependent student** (meaning your parents or guardian claim you on their taxes) **you need the above information for them as well**



Even if you are only thinking about going to college...

...file so you don't limit your options!

Thinking About College?



Use *FAFSA4caster* to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!



Check out how Federal Student Aid can put you on a path to success.

**View Videos on [YouTube](#) or
Download the [Accessible Videos](#)**

Due to scheduled site maintenance, FAFSA on the Web will be unavailable every Sunday from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. (Eastern Time). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**FAFSA is not just used by 2
and 4 year institutions**



**Some Trade and Beauty schools
require you to have a FASA
on file!**



Get to know the

Click here to start if you do not have a FAFSA PIN Number or Password.

Help can be found at anytime by clicking the help button.

Be mindful of ALL DEADLINES. If you miss a deadline you may not get all the aid you are qualified for.

Click on the **School Code Search** title to bring up the page to find a specific school code



Many states and colleges use your FAFSA data to determine eligibility for state and school aid. Some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

FAFSA website!



The image shows a screenshot of the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it says "Federal Student Aid" and "PROUD SPONSOR of THE AMERICAN MIND®". Below that, there are navigation links for Home, About Us, FAFSA.gov, and Help. A search bar is on the right with "SEARCH" and "Español" options. The main heading is "Get help paying for college" with the subtext "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". Below this is a banner image of diverse students. The page is divided into sections: "New to the FAFSA?" with a "Start A New FAFSA" button; "Returning User?" with a list of actions (Make a correction, Add a school, View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...) and a "Login" button; "Deadlines" with a link to "Information about your deadlines."; "School Code Search" with a link to "Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college."; "FAFSA Filing Options" with a link to "Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA."; "Announcements" with two bullet points about the 2015-2016 FAFSA and the 2015-2016 IRS Data Retrieval Tool; and "Thinking About College?" with a link to "Use FAFSA4caster to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!" and a small image of a student.

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Announcements

- The new 2015-2016 FAFSA is here! To begin your application, click **Start A New FAFSA**.
- The 2015-2016 IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be available on Feb. 2.

Thinking About College?

Use FAFSA4caster to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!



To apply for *federal student aid*, you need to complete the *FAFSA*[®] or *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*.

Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school.

In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

Myths about Financial Aid from FAFSA.ed.gov

“my parents make too much money, so I won’t qualify for aid.”

Reality: There is no income cut-off to qualify for federal student aid. Many factors besides income—from the size of your family to the age of your older parent—are taken into account. Your eligibility is determined by a mathematical formula, not by your parents’ income alone. And remember: when you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSASM), you’re also automatically applying for funds from your state, and possibly from your school as well. In fact, some schools won’t even consider you for any of their scholarships (including academic scholarships) until you’ve submitted a FAFSA. Don’t make assumptions about what you’ll get— **fill out the application and find out.**

“... only students with good grades get financial aid.”

Reality: While a high grade point average will help a student get into a good school and may help with academic scholarships, most of the federal student aid programs do not take a student's grades into consideration. Provided a student maintains satisfactory academic progress in his or her program of study, federal student aid will help a student with an average academic record complete his or her education.

“... I'm too old to get financial aid.”

Reality: Funds from federal student aid programs are awarded on the basis of financial need, not on the basis of age. Adult students can get financial aid, so be sure to fill out the FAFSA.

“... the form is too hard to fill out.”

Reality: The FAFSA is easier than ever, especially if you fill it out online at www.fafsa.gov. There are detailed instructions for every question, and the form walks you through step by step, asking only the questions that apply to you. If you need help, you can access real-time, private online chat with a customer service representative. If you're filling out the paper FAFSA, you can get help from a high school counselor, from the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend, or from our toll-free number: 1-800-4-FED-AID. And remember, the FAFSA and all these sources of advice are FREE.



Glossary

Work-Study ____ A federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school to help pay your education expenses.

Interest ____ A loan expense charged for the use of borrowed money. Interest is paid by a borrower to a lender. The expense is calculated as a percentage of the unpaid principal amount of the loan.

Federal Student Aid ____ Financial aid from the federal government to help you pay for education expenses at an eligible college or career school. Grants, loans and work-study are types of federal student aid.

Room and Board ____ An allowance for the cost of housing and food while attending college or career school.

Federal Student Aid Programs ____ The

programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 that provide grants, loans and work-study funds from the federal government to eligible students enrolled in college or career training

Financial Aid Office ____ The office at a college or career school that is responsible for preparing and communicating information on financial aid. This office helps students apply for and receive student loans, grants and Other financial aid.

Scholarship ____ Money awarded to students based on academic or other achievements to help pay for education expenses. Scholarships generally do not have to be repaid.



'something you don't see here?
Find more information at
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Do you know about the resources available to you and your family ...and the difference these resources can make for your future?



If you have any questions, see your college coach:

Liz Neill in the “Gear Up Office” (3110) or
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