How to file the FAFSA

Step 1: Create a FSA ID for the student and for one parent
Fsaid.ed.gov
Use separate email addresses for the parent and student
DO NOT use the High School email address

Step 2: Go to fafsa.ed.gov
Start a New FAFSA if you haven't started yet

Step 3: Enter the student's FSA ID and password

Step 4: Select "2019-2020" FAFSA

Step 5: Begin to complete the FAFSA

Please ask us questions and let us review your FAFSA before you submit!

Tricky questions to pay attention to:

-What will be your grade level during 2019-2020?
- Never attended college/1st year undergraduate

-Are you interested in being considered for work-study?
-Yes

-For males only: Have you registered with Selective Service?
-If you haven't, select "Register me"

-Who is your parent?
-If your parents are married, enter information about both parents
-If your parents are divorced or separated (and not remarried), enter the information with whom the student resides with 51% of the time
-If your parents are divorced, and the student lives with the parent who remarried, enter "Married or remarried," and enter the information for the parent and step-parent.
-If your parent is widowed and not remarried, enter just that parent's information
-If your parents are not married, but live together, you will enter both parents' information

-How many people live in your parent's house?
-Include only people that your parents financially support 50% or more. Remember to list any other children who will be in college next year (excluding military academies)

What to expect after you file the FAFSA?

-Receive a confirmation page and your SAR (student aid report)

This will have an estimate of what grant and loan money the student will receive from the government

-Once the student is accepted to the schools listed on the FAFSA, they will receive a financial aid package

This lists how much the student will receive from the school and FAFSA in regards to scholarships, loans, grants, and work study

-If your FAFSA is selected for verification, follow up and complete the necessary forms ASAP

-If you have "special circumstances," complete the necessary documentation with the college's financial aid department

Special circumstances include changes since filing the 2016 taxes: divorce/separation, death of spouse or parent, loss of income, large medical expenses

-Complete loan counseling in the summer before the student goes to college (studentaid.ed.gov)

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