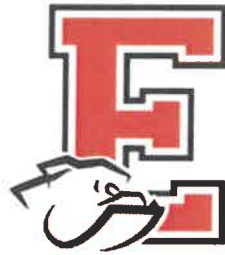


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FAFSA

(FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID)

In order to qualify for any grants (money NOT required to be repaid) or loans (money that IS required to be repaid) from the federal government for college, a student **MUST** complete a FAFSA for each year of attendance. The FAFSA is to be completed the tax return information from the "Prior-Prior Year." For example, a student who will begin college in the Summer or Fall of 2023 would use the tax returns from 2021 (income taxes that were due in April of 2022).

FAFSA "Season" opens on October 1 for students entering college the next year, and colleges set their own deadlines for having the FAFSA completed and submitted...be sure to adhere to your college's deadline. If you are applying to multiple colleges, make sure you have the FAFSA done to meet the earliest deadline.

Before you can start the FAFSA, the student AND the parent must create separate FSA ID's. Each FSA ID must be created using a separate working email, so the student AND parent must have their own working emails. Once created, the student AND parent need to write down their FSA ID and keep it in a safe place...from this point forward, you will use that information to log in including subsequent years when filing the FAFSA again.

To create your FSA ID, go to fafsa.gov (or studentaid.gov). We also have a FAFSA icon along the right hand side of our guidance page on the Elida High School website that will take you there. Once there, click on Create Account (if you have never created an account before). This is where you will create your FSA ID. Simply follow the instructions. Then your parent will need to follow the same process using their own email.

Once both the student and parent FSA ID's have been created and become active, the new FAFSA can be started. Back on the fafsa.gov homepage (or studentaid.gov), you can now (and all times hereafter) click on the login button and use your login information you used to create your account. On the fafsa.gov homepage, click on "Apply for Aid" across the top and click on "Complete the FAFSA Form." In subsequent years, you will not need to create a new FSA ID...you will use the same FSA ID's throughout your college years.

REMINDER: You CANNOT qualify for ANY federal student aid (grants or loans) without filing the FAFSA...and you are REQUIRED to file a FAFSA each year you are anticipating attending college!

Be sure to attend our Financial Aid Night for more information on the FAFSA and the opportunity to ask an expert any questions you may have.