



All About FAFSA

What is the FAFSA?

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** is the first step to apply for **financial aid**. Completing the FAFSA is **free** and gives you **access to the largest source of financial aid** to pay for **vocational/specialty, technical, and 2-year and 4-year colleges**. Each college will calculate your financial aid **award** for that school based on the information you provide each year.

Who is eligible to apply?

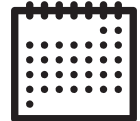
U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, and eligible noncitizens

(i.e: Refugee, Asylum Granted, conditional entre, etc) should complete the FAFSA. Students who are **undocumented** may be eligible for the **Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)**. Check out the "All About WASFA" handout for more information.



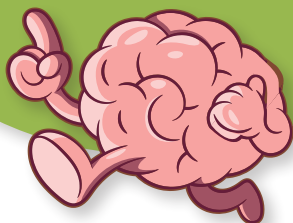
When should I apply?

- File as early as **October 1 of your senior year**.
- Make sure you know the financial aid **priority deadlines** for the colleges you are interested in.
- You need to submit the FAFSA every year while in college.



Good To Know

Two-step verification, helps protect your **studentaid.gov** account. Each time you log in, you'll be asked to provide a one-time code that is delivered to you via email, text message, or an authenticator app.



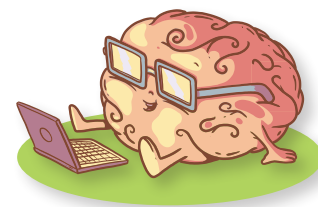
What information do I need to provide?

- **Basic information**, such as legal name and birthdate, etc.
- Parent and student **tax/income information** from 2 years prior to the school year you are applying to (e.g. If you are applying for the 2024-25 school year, you will need the parent/student tax/income information from 2022.)
- Your **list of colleges**.



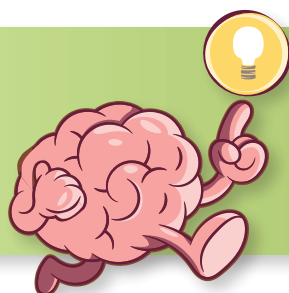
What is an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID?

An FSA ID gives you access to your FAFSA info and serves as your legal signature. You AND one parent (biological or adoptive) will need to create an FSA ID (username and password.) Be sure you and your parent use separate email addresses. **You will be asked to set up a two-step verification for your FSA ID.**



How do I complete the FAFSA?

- 1 Create a Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID) at studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch
- 2 Use your FSA ID to log in at studentaid.gov and add the necessary information.
- 3 Check for an email confirming you have successfully submitted the FAFSA.



Remember

Be sure to store your FSA ID and the answers to your security questions in a safe location.