

# FAFSA *Completion*

GUIDE & WORKBOOK



*Class of*  
**2024**



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# LELA *Impact*

(THROUGH 2022)



**418,000**  
*Students*

Lela has assisted over 418,000 students across Louisiana since its inception in 1984.



**\$419,750**  
*in Scholarships*

Lela has awarded \$419,750 in scholarships to Louisiana high school seniors through various outreach campaigns and random drawings.



**282,000**  
*FAFSA Guides*

Lela has provided 282,000 *FAFSA Completion and College Planning Guides* to Louisiana students and offered access to an electronic *Planning and Paying for College Guide* to Louisiana parents.

## INTRODUCTION TO LELA

### *Who is Lela?*



The Louisiana Education Loan Authority (Lela) is Louisiana's nonprofit resource for free FAFSA completion assistance, college access and affordable financing, and is a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA)— a nonprofit public trust established to bring financing assistance and advantages to the people of Louisiana. Lela's mission is to develop projects and programs which provide resources for college access and statewide outreach initiatives to help ensure students' success on their path to and through college. The Lela team assists families remotely with FAFSA Completion through its FAFSA HELpline, offers free resources to Louisiana high school counselors and provides low cost supplemental loans for college expenses. (see back cover)

 **Website:** [www.Lela.org](http://www.Lela.org)

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## *What is the* **FAFSA?**

The FAFSA is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**. Completing this free form is the first step toward getting federal financial aid to help pay for college. It can be filed at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

## **NEED HELP** *Completing the FAFSA?*

### **STUDENTS & PARENTS**

 **Scan here to request a virtual FAFSA session!**



**SCAN HERE!**

### **SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO POST ON YOUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

-  **FAFSA Completion Guide and Workbook**
-  **Senior Checklist for College Planning**

For more information visit @ [lela.org](http://lela.org)

**ALL SERVICES ARE FREE!**

# STEP 1

## FSA ID

CREATE YOUR FSA ID AT [STUDENTAID.GOV/FSA-ID](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id)

### FSA ID ITEMS NEEDED

- ➔ Social Security or Alien Registration card
- ➔ Personal Email Address
- ➔ Cell Phone Number

Create your FSA ID account at [studentaid.gov/fsa-id](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id)

Student Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Backup Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREATE  
YOUR STUDENT  
FSA ID**

## IDENTIFY YOUR PARENT CONTRIBUTOR

Never married, divorced or separated	➔ Report parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months
Unmarried and both legal parents living together	➔ Report both legal parents
Married	➔ Report both of your parents
Remarried (after being widowed or divorced)	➔ Parent and stepparent
Widowed	➔ Report the surviving parent and step-parent (if remarried)

Parent Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Do not use the same email address as your child/student.)*

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Backup Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREATE  
YOUR PARENT  
FSA ID**

# STEP 2

## FAFSA

SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA AT [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov)

### FAFSA ITEMS NEEDED

- ➔ FSA ID for Student & Parents(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) Social Security number(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) legal name(s)
- ➔ Parent(s) date(s) of birth
- ➔ IRS Income Tax Return & W-2s for Year 2022 for student & parent(s)
- ➔ Records of Untaxed Income for student & parent(s)
- ➔ Records of Assets for student & parent(s)
- ➔ List of Schools you're interested in attending

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT A LELA SPECIALIST TODAY FOR ASSISTANCE!**

**[info@lela.org](mailto:info@lela.org)**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BEGIN AT LELA.ORG.  
REGISTER TO WIN NOW!

STEP 3

SCHOLARSHIPS



2 WAYS TO WIN  
*Lela Scholarships!*



FAFSA COMPLETION  
*Scholarship*  
**\$1,000**

LOUISIANA  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

REGISTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AT



Winners must provide proof of completion from federal student aid, if selected.



CHOOSE LOUISIANA  
*Scholarship*  
**\$1,000**

LOUISIANA COLLEGE STUDENTS

REGISTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AT



Winners must be enrolled in a Louisiana college or university, if selected.

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## LOUISIANA'S CLASS OF 2024 FINANCIAL AID ACCESS POLICY

LOUISIANA REQUIRES PUBLIC  
SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAKE ONE  
OF THE FOLLOWING STEPS AS  
PART OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL  
GRADUATION PLAN:

- Submit the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov); or
- Apply for TOPS; or
- Submit an opt-out Parental Non-Participation Form or Letter; or
- Submit a Waiver through the school system.

Resource: Louisiana Department of Education  
[www.louisianabelieves.com](http://www.louisianabelieves.com)



## NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COVER YOUR COLLEGE EXPENSES?



STUDENTS OR PARENTS WHO NEED TO  
"FILL A FUNDING GAP" AFTER FACTORING  
IN ALL SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, FEDERAL  
AND STATE DOLLARS, CONSIDER-

# Lela **CHOICE**

LOUISIANA'S NONPROFIT EDUCATION LOANS

*Choose Quality. Choose Community. Choose Lela.*

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO APPLY, VISIT [LELACHOICE.ORG](http://LELACHOICE.ORG)

*Committed to Louisiana students since 1984*

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