



FAFSA/CADAA MYTHBUSTERS

One of the biggest financial aid myths is you won't be eligible. The reality: Everyone is.

Myth 1: I don't have good grades, so I won't receive Financial Aid

Truth 1: A high GPA isn't required to apply!

Myth 2: The FAFSA is only for federal aid

Truth 2: States, universities and some outside scholarship programs also use the FAFSA to determine aid

Myth 3: My parents are undocumented, so I can't apply for Federal Student Aid

Truth 3: Your parents' immigration status is not taken into account in determining eligibility for federal student aid- and is, in fact, not even asked on the FAFSA. Only you, the student, will need to prove citizenship or noncitizen eligibility. The form will ask for your parents' Social Security numbers; if your parents do not have this information, they can enter all zeros without dashes

Myth 4: I can share a FSA ID with my parents

Truth 4: Nope, if you're a dependent student, then you and one of your parents will each need their own FSA ID to sign your FAFSA form online

Myth 5: You can't fill out the FAFSA until your parents file their taxes

Truth 5: File it with an estimate based on last year; submit a correction later

Myth 6: I don't need to submit a FAFSA/CADAA because I'm going to use the Palomar/MSJC Promise

Truth 6: You do need to do the FAFSA/CADAA in order to get the Palomar/ MSJC Promise

Myth 7: You can fill out the FAFSA anywhere, and you may have to pay a fee

Truth 7: You should use only the federal government's FAFSA site or mobile app and NEVER pay

Myth 8: It doesn't matter when you submit the FAFSA

Truth 8: The sooner you submit, the more likely you are to get aid
Deadline is March 2nd 2023



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