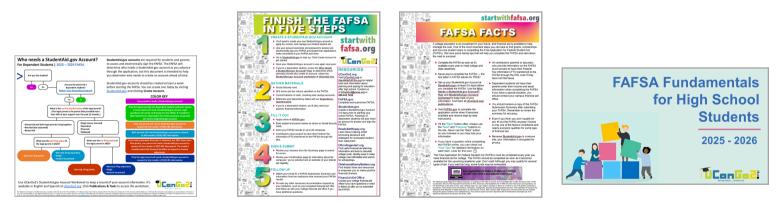


December Spotlight: FAFSA Now Available!

The <u>2025-26 FAFSA</u> application is now available for completion at <u>FAFSA.gov</u>. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is your first stop in applying for federal and state financial aid to help cover college expenses. Beginning with this academic year, FAFSA completion is now a graduation requirement for all 2025 seniors attending public high schools in Oklahoma. Before you can access the FAFSA online, you and one of your parents must create a <u>StudentAid.gov account</u>. This is simply a username and password that you set up to sign the FAFSA electronically. Use our StudentAid.gov Account Worksheets (in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>) to keep track of your information and determine which parent should set up an account with the <u>Who Needs a</u> <u>StudentAid.gov Account</u>? flowchart.

Click on the pictures for more information:



For assistance with the FAFSA, review <u>FAFSA Facts</u> and <u>Finish the FAFSA in</u> <u>5 Steps</u>. These flyers will offer tips for completing the form and assist you with questions you may have. We've also just added <u>FAFSA Fundamentals</u>, which provides detailed information on completing this form. To contact Federal Student Aid with additional questions, please call 1-800-433-3243.

Your StudentAid.gov Account

In order to access and submit your FAFSA, you and your contributors will have to create a StudentAid.gov Account. This is your username and password which serves as your electronic signature on the FAFSA. To create your account, you will need to provide your legal name, birthdate, social security number, and a unique email address. Please be aware, do not use a work or student email account. This should be a personal account you'll always be able to access. Your contributors will need the same information. It will take a few days for your account to be matched through the Social Security Administration, so try to create your account about a week before you sit down to fill out the FAFSA. To make things easier, we have prepared a <u>StudentAid.gov Account Worksheet</u> you can use that will walk you through the StudentAid.gov account creation process.



FAFSA FastTrack

Get on board the FAFSA FastTrack! The purpose of FAFSA FastTrack is to help Oklahoma's public high school seniors fulfill their graduation requirements by completing and submitting a FAFSA. So far, seven higher ed institutions in the state of Oklahoma have agreed to host a FAFSA completion event, where seniors and their parents can visit a designated location to get assistance with their applications. To find a list of schools that are hosting an event, please visit the <u>FAFSA FastTrack website</u>. No registration is necessary.

But, before you go…each student and parent who wishes to submit their FAFSA during one of these events needs to create a new account at StudentAid.gov 5-7 days before they submit the FAFSA. To create a new StudentAid.gov account, visit <u>https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch</u>.