

# It's Time to Complete your FAFSA

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Completing the FAFSA is easier than you think!!

## Step 1: Choose your Device

Working from a Computer? Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>  
Working from a phone? Download the [mystudentAid](#) app

## Step 2: Connect with your parent(s)

The FAFSA will be completed by both the student and at least one parent  
If your biological or adoptive parents live together, include both of their information.  
If not, include information about the parent that you lived with the most during the previous 12 months and that person's spouse (if married).  
Still unsure which parent(s) information to include? Search [fafsa-parent.pdf](#)

## Step 3: Create Student and Parent FSA ID's (if you don't already have one)

The FSA ID can be used to electronically sign and submit the FAFSA  
Use your Social Security number, birthdate, and legal name (no nicknames)  
Don't use the same email address for the student and parent, they each need their own.  
Use email addresses that you'll have access to throughout college, not a high school email address.  
Eligible students can complete the FAFSA without parent FSA ID by mailing in a paper signature page with they submit the FAFSA.

## Step 4: Answer the FAFSA Questions

The student will log in and the student and parent will work together to answer questions on the FAFSA form. You can save your progress and return to the FAFSA before submitting.

## Step 5: Submit the FAFSA

Both the student and a parent will use their own FSA ID or print a signature page to sign and submit their information on the FAFSA

## Step 6: Check your email

You'll receive an email as soon as your FAFSA is processed. FAFSA will also send your information directly to every college that you listed on your FAFSA application. Once you're accepted into that college, the college will send you financial award information.

A college education is one of the best investments you'll ever make, it's an investment in your future with a lifelong return!

Students use many resources to help pay for college, including: Grants, Loans, Work, Savings, and Scholarships.

Filling out the FAFSA can help you receive grants, loans, and campus jobs to help pay for your college. It is also required for high school graduation.

Get more FAFSA tips at [studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out](https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out)

Talk to your counselor about available scholarship resources.



# FAFSA is a graduation requirement!!