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FAFSA and Financial Aid

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Topics of Discussion

- FAFSA
- Deadlines
- SAI, COA and Financial Need
- Types of Aid
- Budgets
- Appeals
- Questions/Resources



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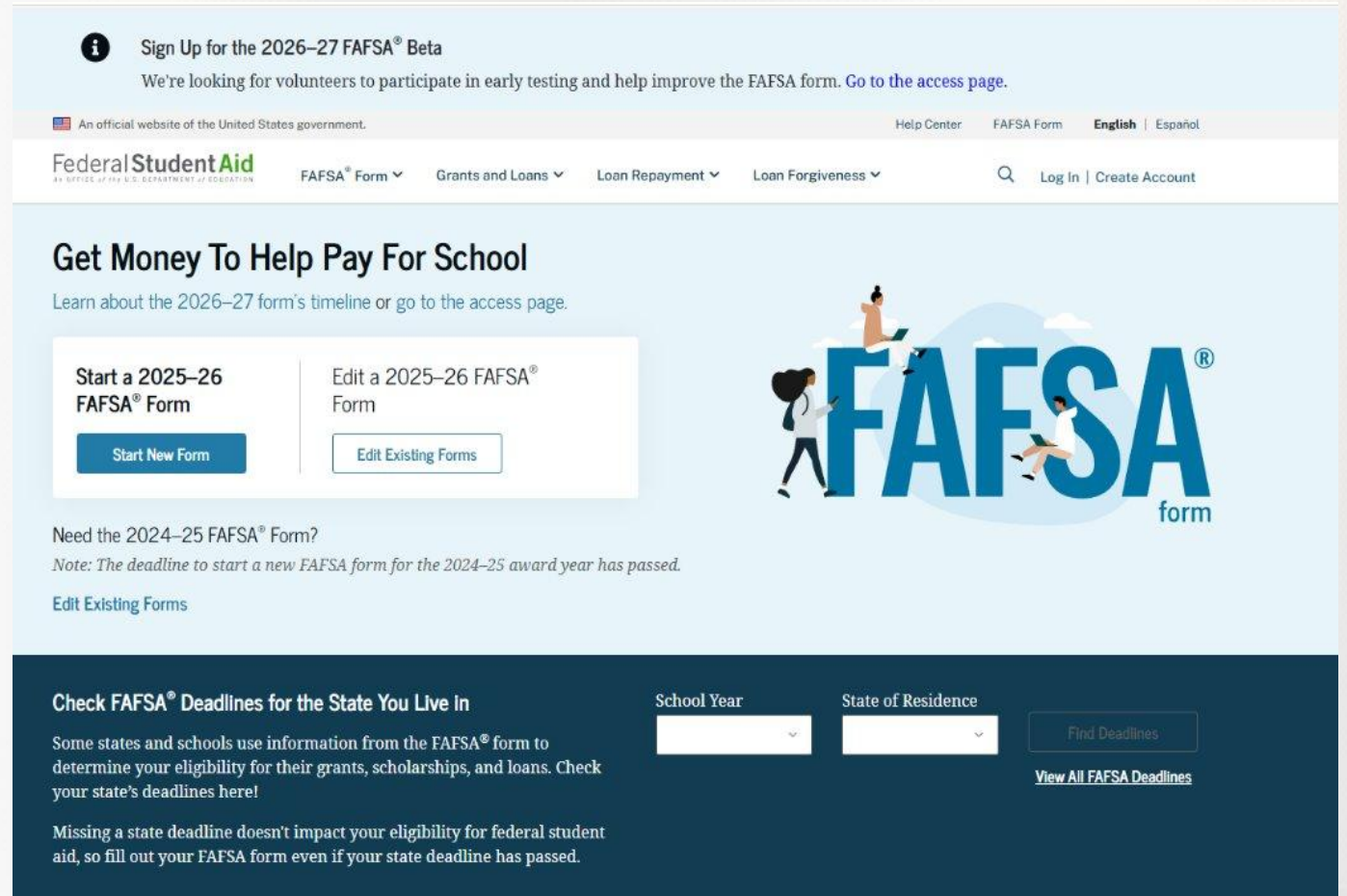
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

[Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

Created by the U.S.
Department of Education

Required to determine need-
based aid eligibility

Used to gauge eligibility for
different types of funds at
each school



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, there is a notification banner for the 2026-27 FAFSA Beta, inviting volunteers for early testing. Below this is a navigation bar with the Federal Student Aid logo and links for FAFSA Form, Grants and Loans, Loan Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. The main content area features a large heading "Get Money To Help Pay For School" and a sub-heading "Learn about the 2026-27 form's timeline or go to the access page." There are two primary buttons: "Start a 2025-26 FAFSA Form" and "Edit a 2025-26 FAFSA Form". To the right is a large graphic with the text "FAFSA form" and illustrations of students. Below this, a notice states that the deadline for the 2024-25 FAFSA form has passed. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Check FAFSA Deadlines for the State You Live In" with dropdown menus for "School Year" and "State of Residence", and a "Find Deadlines" button.

Sign Up for the 2026-27 FAFSA® Beta
We're looking for volunteers to participate in early testing and help improve the FAFSA form. [Go to the access page.](#)

An official website of the United States government. Help Center FAFSA Form English | Español


Federal Student Aid BY OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FAFSA® Form Grants and Loans Loan Repayment Loan Forgiveness Log In | Create Account

Get Money To Help Pay For School

Learn about the 2026-27 form's timeline or go to the access page.

Start a 2025-26 FAFSA® Form [Start New Form](#)

Edit a 2025-26 FAFSA® Form [Edit Existing Forms](#)



Need the 2024-25 FAFSA® Form?
Note: The deadline to start a new FAFSA form for the 2024-25 award year has passed.

[Edit Existing Forms](#)

Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In

Some states and schools use information from the FAFSA® form to determine your eligibility for their grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

Missing a state deadline doesn't impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed.

School Year State of Residence [Find Deadlines](#)

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)

FAFSA opens October 1, 2025

- The FAFSA typically opens on October 1 each year
- Due to FAFSA simplification legislation passed in 2020, the 2025-2026 FAFSA was delayed. The 2026-2027 FAFSA is on a typical release schedule and will open October 1, 2025.
- You will complete a FAFSA each year (sorry, it's not a one-time project!)

FAFSA Changes

- Key changes to the financial aid eligibility formula, which took effect beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year (2022 tax year) include:
 - Fewer questions about untaxed income
 - Expected Family Contribution (EFC) becomes Student Aid Index (SAI)
 - The parent who provides the most financial support will have to complete the FAFSA
 - The “discount” for families with more than one child in college disappears
 - Can list up to 20 colleges on FAFSA (used to be 10)

CSS Profile

Form used for non-federal financial aid

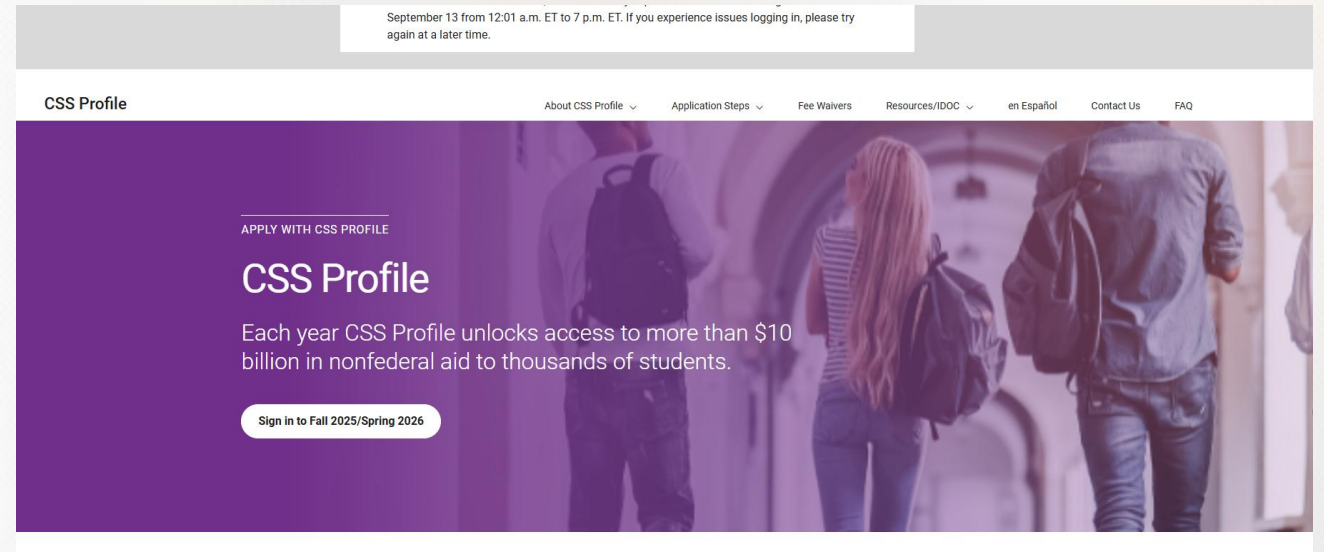
Gives colleges a more comprehensive look at the financial and family situation of students to determine their eligibility for institutional financial aid

May be used for non-custodial parent information

May be required for international student applicants

Used by Colorado College and University of Denver in Colorado, some private colleges, and some public colleges (out of state)

[CSS Profile Home – CSS Profile | College Board](#)



How to apply

- Create an FSA ID (fsaid.ed.gov)
 - Both student and parent must create a Student Aid Account to get an FSA ID before completing the FAFSA
 - An FSA ID is a username and password combination
 - Allow at least three days because in the new process, the Social Security Administration will require verification of FSA IDs before tax information can be accessed
 - Student and parent log in separately to FAFSA to complete each of their respective sections

Contributors

A new “parent wizard” aimed at helping dependent students identify who is the correct person they should be inviting to complete the parent/guardian financial section.

NEW: You can access the parent wizard outside the FAFSA form on studentaid.gov


[Am I a Contributor on My Child’s FAFSA® Form?](#)

The screenshot shows the FAFSA 2024-25 interface for Student Raya Tran. The page title is 'Understanding the FAFSA Form' (2 of 4), and the current section is 'Contributors to the FAFSA Form'. It features two main columns: 'Parents or Spouses' and 'How to Invite'. The 'Parents or Spouses' section includes an icon of a woman and a child, and text explaining that contributors complete their own sections but are not financially responsible. The 'How to Invite' section includes an icon of a person thinking and text stating that contributors need their own FSA ID and specific personal information. Below these is a section titled 'Information or Documents You May Need' which lists: Tax returns, Records of child support received, Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts, and Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms. Navigation buttons for 'Previous' and 'Continue' are at the bottom.

FAFSA[®] FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran


Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form
2 of 4

Contributors to the FAFSA[®] Form



Parents or Spouses

Your answers on the FAFSA form will determine if any contributors need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but will not become financially responsible for your education.



How to Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide their information. To invite a contributor to your FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address.

Information or Documents You May Need ^

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

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Inviting Contributors

Students will need parent or spouse: name, date of birth, SSN, email address

FAFSA FORM 2024-25 Student Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

1 Personal Circumstances 2 Demographics 3 Financials 4 Colleges 5 Signature

Invite Parents to your FAFSA® Form

You will need to provide information for your parents
Based on your answers in the previous section, you'll need to provide information about both of your parents on your FAFSA form. You can invite your family members to your form to help you complete all required sections.

Enter names of parents, identified on the prior page, and we'll send electronic requests on your behalf.

Please make sure to provide information that your parents would use to login to StudentAid.gov.

Parent	Parent Spouse <small>optional</small>
First Name Alcina	First Name
Last Name Tran	Last Name
Date of Birth	Date of Birth

Social Security Number (SSN)

SHOW ⓘ

My parent doesn't have a SSN

Email Address
alcinatran@school.edu

Confirm Email Address
alcinatran@school.edu

Invite Parent

Previous Continue

Consent & Signatures

Consent

- To directly retrieve contributor's federal tax information (FTI) from the IRS to FAFSA form
- To share that FTI with colleges or scholarship organizations

E-Signature

- All users are required to have an FSA ID
- This includes non-SSN holders.

FAFSA FORM 2024-25 Parent of Raya Tran Save FAFSA Menu

Provide Consent or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA form. If you don't provide consent, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.

→ Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024-25 FAFSA form. → Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

→ FTI is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID login credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By accepting below, I approve and consent to:

- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under subpart 1 of Part A, Part C, or Part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 61090(k)(3)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- The U.S. Department of Education to redisclose my FTI received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 61090(k)(3)(D)(iii), which includes:
 - institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
 - state higher education agencies; and
 - scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education.
- The use of my FTI for the application, award, and administration of student aid awarded by the federal government, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies and designated scholarship organizations.
- The redisclosure of my FTI to any future 2024-25 FAFSA forms for which I elect to participate (e.g., if I elect to participate in my child's FAFSA form or to complete my own FAFSA form after participating in another FAFSA form). My FTI will be redisclosed to these additional applications upon my affirmation to participate. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my FTI to that FAFSA form.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should provide consent?

If I'm married and didn't file a joint tax return with my current spouse, does my spouse have to provide consent for you to access their tax information?

What happens after I provide consent?

What happens if I revoke consent?

What happens if I decline consent?

Select "Approve" to consent to using your tax information to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid. If you select "Decline," the student will not be eligible for federal student aid.

CASFA (Colorado Application for State Financial Aid)



CASFA
COLORADO APPLICATION FOR
STATE FINANCIAL AID



A postsecondary path
is within reach!

- [Eligibility Expansion and Data Security](#)
- [2024-25 CASFA Status Report](#)

Start Your Application

CASFA is for students who are not eligible for Federal Student Aid, undocumented students or students from mixed status families or other situations who prefer not to share their contributors' personal data beyond Colorado higher education institutions. Students who complete a CASFA are applying for State and institutional aid only (NOT Federal Student Aid).

Qualifying for ASSET (Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow):

The General Assembly passed [HB22-1155](#), in-state tuition classification for Colorado high school graduates.

The law requires an institution to classify a student as ASSET for tuition purposes if the student:

- Graduated from a Colorado high school or was physically present in Colorado for at least one year immediately preceding the date the student successfully completed a high school equivalency examination in Colorado; and
- Has been physically present in Colorado for at least 12 consecutive months prior to enrolling in an institution.
- There is no longer a requirement for the student to be admitted to college within 12 months of graduation.

Students who do not have lawful immigration status and who do not meet the ASSET qualifications are still encouraged to apply for institutional aid using the CASFA. Students who are eligible for Federal Title IV aid by completing the FAFSA should not complete the CASFA.

- [Colorado Application for State Financial Aid | Colorado Department of Higher Education Home](#)

- Students not eligible for Federal Student Aid, undocumented students or students from mixed immigration status families (or other situations who prefer not to share their contributors' personal data beyond Colorado higher education institutions)

Starting the FAFSA

- Once you have the FSA ID, start the FAFSA
 - Remember to read each question and double check your numbers (especially SSN)
 - The FAFSA asks for financial information from the “prior-prior” year
 - The **2026-2027 FAFSA will use 2024 tax information**
 - IRS Data Retrieval Tool
 - You will transfer income and asset data directly from your taxes to the FAFSA

Submission Summary

- Formerly known as (Student Aid Report/SAR)
- Students receive an email with a direct link to view their Submission Summary online once their FAFSA is processed
- Review the Submission Summary together. If there are any errors, you can go back to your FAFSA and submit corrections
 - Save AND submit
- The Submission Summary will notify you if you've been selected for verification

Verification

- A certain percentage of student FAFSAs are randomly selected for this federally required process
- Institutions may require that you submit additional documentation to *verify* information provided:
 - Tax return transcript, bank statements, institutional forms, etc.
- Financial Aid Offer notification may be delayed or in a tentative status until verification is complete
- Completing the FAFSA using the IRS data retrieval tool will often eliminate or speed the verification process

Deadlines

- 2026-2027 FAFSA available October 1
- Check with each college if they have an institutional deadline to apply
 - January 15 priority deadline for ED/EA at University of Denver, February 1 for Regular Decision
 - March 1 priority deadline: CU Boulder, Colorado State
 - Most have priority deadlines, you can submit after the priority deadline, but some funds may not be available or run out if you submit FAFSA late
- National Candidate Reply Date for Admissions is **May 1st**
 - The sooner the FAFSA is complete, the more time the Financial Aid Office has to award and notify the student so the family can make an informed decision/deposit on or before May 1st

Student Aid Index (SAI)

(formerly known as EFC)

- SAI is a measure of your family's financial strength and is calculated according to a formula established by federal law.
- Your SAI is **not** the amount of money your family will have to pay for college **nor** is it the amount of federal student aid you will receive. It is a number used by each school to calculate the amount of student aid you are eligible to receive.
- Not determined by colleges/universities

Cost of Attendance

- A figure provided by colleges and/or college financial offices that estimates the total costs of attending that particular school for a period of one year.
 - **Direct costs:** set by institution
 - Tuition
 - Fees
 - Housing
 - Meals
 - **Indirect costs:** variable, institutions often use average amounts set by the state
 - Books and supplies
 - Transportation
 - Personal

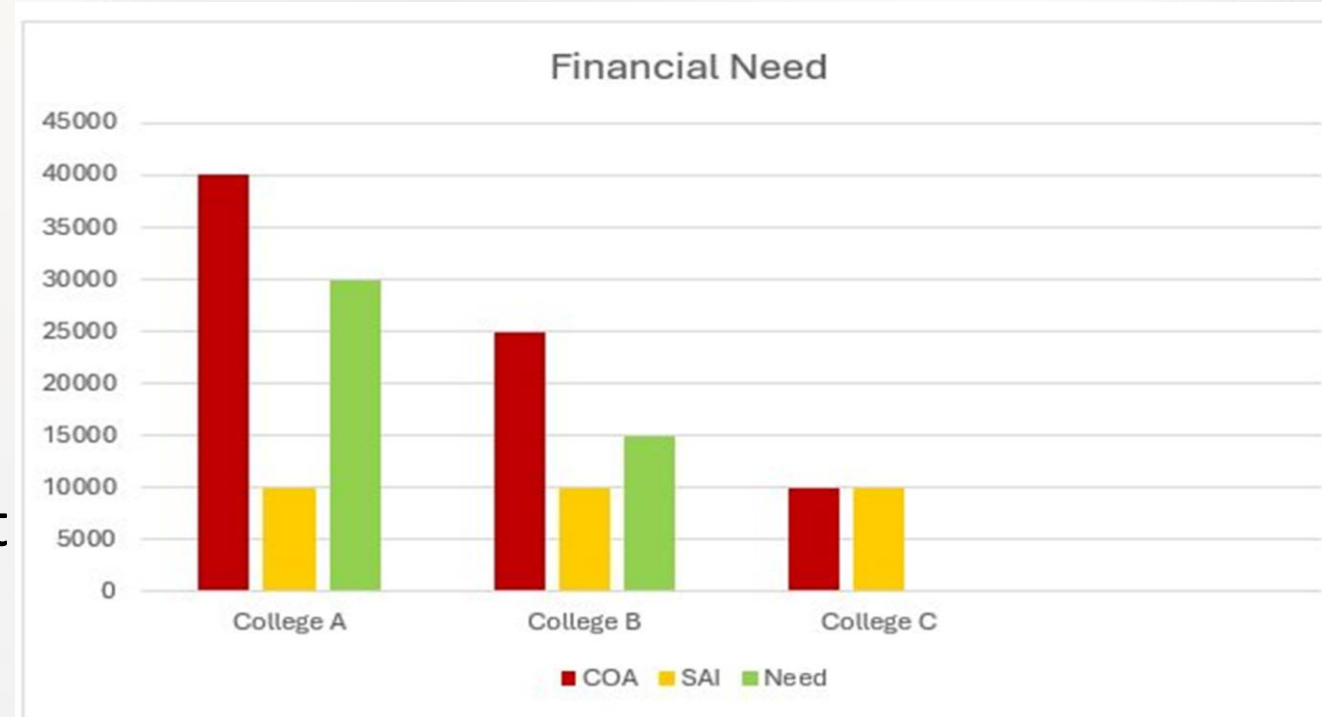
Cost of Attendance (COA)
-Student Aid Index(SAI)

=Financial Need

Financial Need Calculation

- School A: \$30,000 need
- School B: \$15,000 need
- School C: \$0 need

- Colleges base awards on financial need. School A has the highest cost but also the highest need. The student may qualify for more aid which can make the higher cost school more affordable



Net Price Calculator

- Can review basic income info, GPA and test scores (if required) to estimate financial aid offers to give families an idea of net price
- As discussed with financial need, the higher sticker price school may end up being the most affordable option
- Does not guarantee offers (but it's a great conversation starter!)
- www.coloradomesa.edu and search "Net Price Calculator"

Types of Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Work-study
- Student Loans
- Parent Loans

Merit Based/Academic Scholarships

- Awarded based on GPA, SAT/ACT scores, other talents (like athletics, music, etc.)
- Not based on financial need
- It is your responsibility to be aware of scholarship deadlines and criteria
- Private colleges tend to offer higher/more merit scholarships
 - CMU offers up to \$7500/year in merit-scholarship awards upon admission
 - Private colleges may offer up to half tuition or even full tuition scholarships!



External Scholarships

- Students can search for scholarships through outside organizations (not tied to any specific school)
- Great way to help add to any aid schools may provide
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.mycoloradojourney.com
- Are often one-time and highly competitive, so keep that in mind.

Grants

- Federal
 - State
 - Institutional
- Federal Grants are based on FAFSA, i.e. Federal Pell Grant, FSEO Grant
 - State of Colorado offers a Colorado Student Grant based on FAFSA (funding varies at institutions)
 - Institutional Grants based on FAFSA (and CSS Profile, if required)
 - Amounts vary

COF Stipend (College Opportunity Fund)

- Provides a stipend for new and continuing in-state students going to college in Colorado. Students must apply for and authorize the use of the stipend at their respective institutions.
- <https://cof.college-assist.org/>
- Available to students attending public and private colleges
 - Public colleges \$116/credit hour (2025-2026 amount)
 - Private colleges \$58/credit hour (2025-2026 amount, Pell eligible only)

Work-study (Student Employment)

- A program that allows students to work on-campus to earn money toward educational expenses. This program offers valuable work experience to complement students' career goals after graduation.
- Funding provided by the federal government, the state of Colorado or institutions
 - Limited funding at some schools
 - Results in limited students being awarded or the total amount students are able to earn

Work-study

- Builds a resume
- Supervisors can be great references after graduation
- Opportunity to meet new students, interact with faculty and staff
- Helps with time-management
- Allows students to budget their own money to help with personal expenses, books, sometimes even rent if living off-campus

- CMU: Mavworks if not eligible for Federal or State work-study, must file FAFSA and have 3.0 GPA

Federal Direct Student Loans

- Opportunity to borrow by completing a FAFSA
- Not based on credit

- Freshmen \$5,500
- Sophomore \$6,500
- Junior & Senior \$7,500

- Cumulative Lifetime Maximum \$31,000
- You are not required to take the full amount of student loans offered to you

Student Loans

- **Subsidized**

- Need-based
- 2025-2026 interest rate **6.39%**
- Government pays interest while student is enrolled at least half-time
- Repayment begins 6 months after graduation or after 6 months of non-enrollment

- **Unsubsidized**

- Non-need based
- 2025-2026 interest rate **6.39%**
- Government does **NOT** pay interest (student may choose to pay interest quarterly)
- Repayment begins 6 months after graduation or 6 months of non-enrollment

Private Student Loans

- Based on credit through outside banking institutions
 - Students may need a cosigner in order to qualify
- Interest rates and repayment schedule may vary from lender to lender
 - Important to read the fine-print and make sure you are getting the best rate
- Consider when you have explored and exhausted all other funding and financial aid options

Parent PLUS Loan

- Available to parents (not students), after completing a FAFSA
- Often used to help cover the gap after all other aid is taken into account (scholarships, grants, student loans)
- Ability to borrow is a factor: parents must apply for the loan and be approved based on credit
- **Interest rate is 8.94%** for 2025-2026
- Repayment begins while student is in school, although parents can appeal to defer repayment after graduation (**not guaranteed**)
- New for 2026-2027: **Parent PLUS loans:** An earlier version of the bill proposed that parents could only borrow if their dependent student has already taken out their maximum annual unsubsidized loan amount.
- The law does not require students to have borrowed the maximum unsubsidized loan in order for parents to borrow a PLUS loan, and includes **new Parent PLUS loan limits: a \$20,000 per year cap per dependent student and a \$65,000 aggregate limit per dependent student** (without regard to amounts forgiven, repaid, canceled, or discharged). These provisions are effective July 1, 2026

Parent PLUS Loan

- If denied via the credit check, parents may opt to use a co-signer
- If no co-signer is available, student may qualify for an additional unsubsidized loan
 - In some cases, that additional student loan covers the gap that is necessary
- If the additional student loan does not cover all costs, or if the parent is unwilling/unable to borrow a PLUS loan, students may seek private student loans OR consult the school to try to set up a payment plan each semester
- Many colleges offer monthly payment plans as an alternative to paying the entire semester up front

Loan Repayment


- Loans can be a very valuable resource, but know what you are borrowing
- As a general rule, multiply what is necessary to borrow by 4 years and start looking at the loan calculators available online: [Loan Simulator | Federal Student Aid](#)
- Start a **budget**, make a **plan**, understand your **responsibility** upon graduation

The screenshot shows the Loan Simulator website interface. At the top, a dark blue header contains the title "Calculate Your Federal Student Loan Repayment Options with Loan Simulator" and a brief description of the tool's purpose. Below this is a yellow warning banner with an exclamation mark icon and text about legislative updates. The main content area features three white cards, each with an illustration and a "Log In and Start" button. The first card is for finding the best strategy, the second for struggling with payments, and the third for simulating borrowing more.

Calculate Your Federal Student Loan Repayment Options with Loan Simulator

Loan Simulator helps you estimate monthly student loan payments and choose a loan repayment option that best meets your needs and goals. You can also use it to decide whether to consolidate your student loans.

! The repayment plans displayed in Loan Simulator represent the options available to borrowers today. We will update Loan Simulator at a later date to reflect recent legislative changes. Stay up-to-date on impacts from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act: [StudentAid.gov/bigupdates](https://www.studentaid.gov/bigupdates).




PLAN 1 PLAN 2

I Want to Find the Best Student Loan Repayment Strategy

Log In and Start


Or Start From Scratch



I'm Struggling With My Student Loan Payments

Log In and Start

Or Start From Scratch



I Want to Simulate Borrowing More

Log In and Start

Or Start From Scratch

Big Beautiful Bill changes to student loan repayment

- **Repayment Plan options for New Borrowers:** Borrowers with new loans made on or after July 1, 2026 can be repaid using only two plans: a new standard repayment plan with fixed monthly payments and fixed terms ranging from 10 to 25 years based on the amount borrowed and the new income-based repayment plan, RAP.
- [NASFAA | Trump Signs Sprawling Reconciliation Package Into Law, Here's How it Impacts Higher Ed](#)

Budgets

- Utilize Net Price Calculators
- Be honest about your household budget for college (x 4 years)
- Apply to colleges with a variety of price points/cost of attendance
 - CMU has the third lowest tuition and fees out of the four-year public colleges in Colorado
 - Consider community college for a year or two and then transfer options
 - Technical/trade programs that are often one or two years to complete
- Colorado Free App Days
 - October 7-9, 2025

Appeals

- The FAFSA is based on prior-prior tax year information
 - Example: 2026-2027 FAFSA uses 2024 taxes
- After you receive your initial financial aid offer, you can appeal to respective Financial Aid offices due to extenuating circumstances
- Extenuating circumstances include:
 - Loss of income/reduction in hours
 - One-time adjustments to income
 - Medical bills not covered by insurance

Appeals

- Different offices may ask for different forms or documentation during this process
- Appeals do not guarantee an increase to existing financial aid offers
- Financial Aid offices cannot review appeals due to cost of living: High mortgage, car repair, home repair, etc.
- Connect with each Financial Aid office to learn more or ask questions

Common mistakes

- Parent/Student Social Security Numbers (SSN)
- Divorced/remarried parent information
- Household size/# in college
- Submitting wrong FAFSA year, seniors graduating in May 2026 need to file a 2026-2027 FAFSA
- School codes
 - Not listing a college on your FAFSA
- FAFSA missing signatures
- Asset information
 - Do NOT list your primary residence as an asset, do NOT list retirement plans (401ks)

Filling Out the FAFSA® Form: What counts as an investment?

Federal
Student
Aid

Both student and contributor(s) will need to declare the net worth of current investments in order to complete the FAFSA form.

Investments

- ✓ real estate (don't include the home in which you live)
- ✓ rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member)
- ✓ vacation homes
- ✓ money market funds and mutual funds
- ✓ *Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA)* and *Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA)* accounts
- ✓ qualified education benefits or education savings accounts
- ✓ certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, and securities
- ✓ installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held)
- ✓ tax shelters and trust funds

Not an Investment

- ✗ the home in which you (and if married, your spouse) live
- ✗ cash, savings and checking accounts
- ✗ *Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act* accounts
- ✗ the value of life insurance and retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.)
- ✗ UGMA and/or UTMA accounts for which the student is the custodian but not the owner
- ✗ qualified education benefits or education savings accounts for other children (not the student)



To calculate the net worth, you will need to take the overall value of the investment and subtract any related debt from it.



Example:

\$100,000
(Current estimated value of an investment rental property)
—
\$75,000
(Mortgage for investment property)
—————
\$25,000
Net worth of rental property investment

Colorado Promise

- Colorado Promise provides students with tuition and fees for their first two years of college in the form of a yearly refundable tax credit if they have a family income of \$90,000 or less.
- Eligible students may attend Colorado public postsecondary institutions—including community colleges, public four-year colleges and universities, area technical colleges, and local district colleges. Currently, the program requires that students have initially enrolled at an eligible institution within two years of graduating high school (or equivalent).
- Must file a FAFSA or CASFA
- [CDHE Colorado Promise Fact Sheet](#)
- To claim this reimbursement, a student must file state taxes to request the credit. Credits for academic year 2024-25 (Fall 2024 through Summer 2025) should be claimed on a student's 2025 taxes (filed by April 2026), and students would receive the refund in early 2026.
- This is a refundable credit, meaning that even if a student earned \$0 that year and paid \$0 in federal taxes, they will receive the full tuition and fee payments as a refund. Even if students are listed as dependents on their parents' taxes, students should file separately to request the tax credit.

Financial Aid Opportunities at CMU



Scholarship	Amount	Qualifying GPA
Distinguished Scholar	Full Tuition	4.0+ application
Trustee Scholar	\$7,500	3.9
Presidential Scholar	\$5,000	3.5
Academic Achievement	\$3,500	3.2
First Generation	\$1,000	3.0
Workstudy	\$4,200	N/A
State & Federal Grants	\$3,000	N/A
Pell Grant	\$7,395	N/A
Foundation Scholarships	Varies	Varies

CMU PROMISE

COLORADO RESIDENTS

WHO EARN

\$70,000 OR LESS (AGI)

WILL HAVE

100%

OF TUITION COVERED

BY FEDERAL, STATE AND
INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS



FAFSA Help Center

FAFSA® Help | Federal Student Aid

For Parents

- [8 Steps for Parents Completing the FAFSA® Form – Federal Student Aid](#)

For Students

- [6 Steps for Students Filling Out the FAFSA® Form – Federal Student Aid](#)

- Phone, email, live chat
- [Contact Us](#)

Resources

- [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
 - FAFSA Help Center Videos and Infographics: [Videos and Infographics | FAFSA® Help | Federal Student Aid](#)
- Individual college/university financial aid webpages
 - Admission and Financial Aid Counselors at colleges and universities
- Your high school counselor
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)
 - Resources for Students and Parents: [Resources for Students and Parents](#)
- **Avoid:**
 - Friends/family members
 - Social media, non-verified webpages
 - Anything that sounds "too good to be true"



COLORADO MESA
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Brooke Geraghty

Assistant Director of Regional
Recruitment (based in Denver metro area)

THANK
YOU!

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303-503-9978 (call)

970-822-0015 (text)