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The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing and submitting the FAFSA form is free! It's also one of the first steps you can take toward funding your education after high school. This form helps determine your eligibility for financial aid opportunities such as grants, work-study, scholarships, and loans.

Why complete the FAFSA?

Completing the FAFSA form allows you to be evaluated for aid that can help make college more affordable. Don't leave money on the table - seize opportunities for a brighter future!

Who should complete the FAFSA?

If you are planning to continue your education after graduating from high school, at a community college, trade or technical school, or a university, the FAFSA is for you!

HOW TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA

Step 1



Create your studentaid.gov account. This allows you to create and access your FAFSA. It's also your electronic signature to submit the form.

Step 2



Visit fafsa.gov to begin your FAFSA form and submit today!

Need help? Find local FAFSA resources and support here



FAFSA MYTHS & FACTS

MYTH - I won't qualify for aid.

FACT - You may not qualify for free aid, such as the federal Pell grant; however, many institutions use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for additional grants and scholarships. Open the door to more aid options by completing the FAFSA!

MYTH - The FAFSA is only for students going to college.

FACT - Students need to enroll at a participating institution to receive federal student aid. This includes community colleges, trade & technical schools, along with universities.

MYTH - I support myself, so I don't have to include parent information on the FAFSA.

FACT - This is not necessarily true. Even if you support yourself and file taxes on your own, you may still be considered a dependent student for federal student aid purposes.

MYTH - I can't submit the FAFSA if I haven't chosen a college.

FACT - You can list up to 20 schools on your FAFSA. It's better to submit early, even if you haven't decided where you'll attend.

MYTH - I only need to submit the FAFSA form once.

FACT - You have to fill out the FAFSA form every year you're in school to stay eligible for federal student aid, but filling out the renewal FAFSA form takes less time.