# How to Fill Out the FAFSA
## for Students & Parents

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The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) helps you access grants, work-study, and low-interest loans for college, career training, and more. Follow these simple steps to complete your FAFSA!

Use the 2027–28 FAFSA

### Important:

- The FAFSA for the 2027–28 school year opens **on October 1, 2026.**
- Create your FSA ID at least a few days before you start.
- Completing the FAFSA is **FREE** — there is **no fee to** apply!

It's easier than you think!



## STUDENT STEPS

You'll **create an account**, complete your part of the application, and **sign it** (with your parent).

**1 Create your FSA ID**
Go to **studentaid.gov** and create an account. You'll need your Social Security number (if you have one) and a personal email address.

**2 Fill out your FAFSA**
Log in, select the 2027–28 FAFSA, and complete your personal, school and financial information.

**3 Invite your parent**
After you start your FAFSA, you'll need to invite a parent (or whoever is your legal guardian) to be a contributor.

**4 Sign and submit**
Once your parent completes their section, you'll both sign and submit the FAFSA.



## PARENT STEPS

You'll **provide financial information**, give consent, and **sign** the application.

**1 Create your FSA ID**
Go to **studentaid.gov** and create your account. You'll need your Social Security number, date of birth and a personal email address.

**2 Provide financial information**
Enter your income, tax information and other details. You can use your 2024 tax information (or the most recent available).

**3 Give consent**
Review and give consent for your federal tax information to be shared with the FAFSA.

**4 Sign and submit**
After your student completes their **part**, you'll sign and submit the FAFSA.

## AFTER YOU SUBMIT

**You're not done yet! Here's what to do next:**

1. **Check your FAFSA Submission Summary**
   Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in your email or online account. Review it for errors and make sure everything is correct.
2. **Share with colleges**
   Your FAFSA information will be sent to the schools you listed. Keep an eye on your email for updates from your colleges.
3. **Watch for your financial aid award**
   Each college will send you a financial aid package with your grants, loans and work-study options.

The FAFSA opens doors!

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

**FAFSA.gov**
Create your FSA ID, complete your FAFSA, get answers to your questions.

**Federal Student Aid (FSA)**
1-800-433-3243 (toll-free)
Mon–Fri, 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. ET

**School Counselor / College Access Staff**
Get help at your school's counseling office or career center.

Don't wait — get your FAFSA done!