ATTENTION

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SENIORS & FAMILIES

FAFSA COMPLETION FOR 2027-28
COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid that is required by higher education schools awarding student aid.

Find a Financial Aid 101 Guide

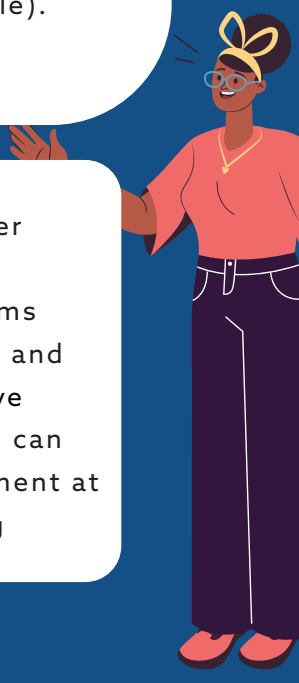
Money for college starts with completing FAFSA. FAFSA helps students to qualify for grants, scholarships, work-study, and federal student loans.

What is the Rhode Island Alternative Financial Aid Application?
This application is exclusively for 2026-27 undergraduate students applying to CCRI, RIC and/or URI who cannot apply for federal student financial aid (FAFSA). This application is for state and institutional aid in Rhode Island.



WHAT DO STUDENTS/PARENTS NEED?

- FSA ID (parent and student) create IDs @ www.studentaid.gov.
- Social security number, driver's license, and/or A-number if not a U.S. citizen.
- Federal 2025 income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.
- Parent's 2025 income tax returns, W-2 forms, and 1040 forms if you're a dependent.
- Bank statements, records of investments and untaxed income(if applicable).
- A list of your post-secondary schools.



FAFSA COMPLETION TIMELINE:

The FAFSA opens October 1, 2026. Refer to specific college/university websites for details on their FAFSA deadlines.

Rhode Island Alternative Financial Aid Application is currently available in a paper version.

The College Planning Center offers free assistance in completing financial aid forms including FAFSA, CSS Profile, and the Rhode Island Alternative Financial Aid Application. You can schedule a one-on-one appointment at collegeplanningcenter.org

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