



Free Application For Federal Student Aid

- Completed every year (opens **OCTOBER 1st**) to be applied to the following School Year (Fall, Spring, Summer)
- Dependent students use personal tax information (if applicable) and one (or married) parent's tax information from prior-prior year (for example, 2021-2022 Application- use 2019 taxes)
- The earlier you submit the form, the better your chances will be in receiving college aid because some aid is only available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

STEP 1

Student (and Parent) create an **FSA ID** (login information to electronically sign the documents)

Navigate to FAFSA.gov and click on the lock icon on the top banner of the webpage. You'll need the persons SSN, birthday, email address and phone number to start. You'll verify your identity by providing a secure code sent to each contact method.

STEP 2

Step 2: Gather needed information, put all together in a **folder** and maintain this folder throughout your college years. Remember you'll do this again **EACH SCHOOL YEAR!**

- Your FSA ID information to electronically sign
- Your Social Security number (it's important that you enter it correctly on the FAFSA!)
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a dependent student (and marriage/divorce dates, birthdays, etc.)
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Citizenship documentation, if applicable
- Federal tax information or tax return forms (1040, 1040EZ, 1040A) including IRS W-2 forms, for you (and your spouse, if you are married filing jointly), and for your parents if you are a dependent student.

STEP 3

Navigate to FAFSA.gov and click "Start A New FAFSA." Complete the application and sign electronically by using the FSA ID you created.

While completing the FAFSA, you must list **at least one college** to receive your information. The schools you list will use your FAFSA information to determine the types and amounts of aid you may receive. Schools you list on your FAFSA will automatically receive your FAFSA results electronically. They will use this information to provide you with a financial aid package, if you are accepted.

STEP 4

You'll get your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** within **three days to three weeks** after you submit your FAFSA. You will be emailed or be sent a paper copy. Be sure to look over your SAR to make sure you didn't make a mistake on your FAFSA.