

FAFSA®

FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Federal Student Aid
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Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans.

Or apply free online at fafsa.gov.

Apply by the Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than October 1, 2021. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2023. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2022-2023 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as October 2021. See the table to the right for state deadlines. You may also need to complete additional forms.

Check with your high school counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines.

If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file either online at fafsa.gov or via the myStudentAid mobile app. These are the fastest and easiest ways to apply for aid.

Use Your Tax Return

We recommend that you complete and submit your FAFSA form as soon as possible on or after October 1, 2021. The easiest way to complete or correct your FAFSA form with accurate tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool either through fafsa.gov or the myStudentAid mobile app. In a few simple steps, most students and parents who filed a 2020 tax return can transfer their tax return information directly into their FAFSA form.

If you (or your parents) have missed the 2020 tax filing deadline and still need to file a 2020 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), you should submit your FAFSA form now using estimated tax information, and then you **must correct** that information **after you file** your return.

Note: Both parents or both the student and spouse may need to report income information on the FAFSA form if they did not file a joint tax return for 2020. For assistance with answering the income information questions in this situation, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

Fill Out the FAFSA® Form

If you or your family experienced significant changes to your financial situation (such as loss of employment), or other unusual circumstances (such as tuition expenses at an elementary or secondary school or high unreimbursed medical or dental expenses), complete this form to the extent you can and submit it as instructed. Consult with the financial aid office at the college(s) you applied to or plan to attend.

For help in filling out the FAFSA form, go to StudentAid.gov/completfafsa or call 1-800-433-3243.

Fill the answer fields directly on your screen or print the form and complete it by hand. Your answers will be read electronically; therefore, if you complete the form by hand:

• use black ink and fill in circles completely:

Correct Incorrect

• print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words:

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• report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) like this:

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Blue is for student information and purple is for parent information.

Mail Your FAFSA® Form

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 3 through 8 to:

Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 7650, London, KY 40742-7650.

After your application is processed, you will receive a summary of your information in your *Student Aid Report* (SAR). If you provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be sent by e-mail within three to five days. If you do not provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be mailed to you within three weeks. If you would like to check the status of your application, go to fafsa.gov or call 1-800-433-3243.

Let's Get Started!

Now go to page 3 of the FAFSA form and begin filling it out. Refer to the notes on pages 9 and 10 as instructed.

Pay attention to any symbols listed after your state deadline.

States and territories not included in the main listing below: AL*, AS**, AZ*, CO*, FM**, GU**, HI**, KY^\$, MH**, NC^\$, ND^\$, NE*, NH**, NM*, OK^\$, PR*, PW**, RI**, SD**, UT*\$, VA**, VI**, VT^\$, WA^\$, WI* and WY**.

State	Deadline
AK	Alaska Education Grant ^ \$ Alaska Performance Scholarship: June 30, 2022 # \$
AR	Academic Challenge: July 1, 2022 (date received) ArFuture Grant: fall term, July 1, 2022 (date received); spring term, Jan. 10, 2023 (date received)
CA	For many state financial aid programs: March 2, 2022 (date postmarked). Cal Grant also requires submission of a school-certified GPA by March 2, 2022. For additional community college Cal Grants: Sept. 2, 2022 (date postmarked). For noncitizens without a Social Security card or with one issued through the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, fill out the <i>California Dream Act Application</i> . Contact the California Student Aid Commission or your financial aid administrator for more information.
CT	Feb. 15, 2022 (date received) # * *
DC	FAFSA form completed by Aug. 19, 2022 # For DC Tuition Assistance Grant, complete the DC OneApp and submit supporting documents by Aug. 26, 2022. #
DE	April 15, 2022 (date received)
FL	May 15, 2022 (date processed)
GA	Refer to Georgia Student Finance Commission's web site for additional information. ^ * *
IA	July 1, 2022 (date received); earlier priority deadlines may exist for certain programs. *
ID	Opportunity Scholarship: March 1, 2022 (date received) # * *
IL	Refer to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's web site for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) renewal deadline. ^ \$
IN	Adult Student Grant ^ \$: New applicants must submit additional form. Workforce Ready Grant ^ Frank O'Bannon Grant: April 15, 2022 (date received) 21st Century Scholarship: April 15, 2022 (date received)
KS	April 1, 2022 (date received) # * *
LA	July 1, 2023 (Feb. 1, 2022, recommended)
MA	May 1, 2022 (date received) #
MD	March 1, 2022 (date received)
ME	May 1, 2022 (date received)
MI	March 1, 2022 (date received)
MN	30 days after term starts (date received)
MO	Feb. 1, 2022 # Applications accepted through April 1, 2022 (date received)
MP	April 30, 2022 (date received) # *
MS	MTAG and MESH Grants: Oct. 15, 2022 (date received) HELP Grant: April 30, 2022 (date received)
MT	Dec. 1, 2021 # * *
NJ	Renewal applicants (2021–2022 Tuition Aid Grant recipients): April 15, 2022 (date received) All other applicants: fall and spring terms, Sept. 15, 2022 (date received); spring term only, Feb. 15, 2023 (date received)
NV	Silver State Opportunity Grant ^ \$ Nevada Promise Scholarship: March 1, 2022 * \$ All other aid * *
NY	June 30, 2023 (date received) *
OH	Oct. 1, 2022 (date received)
OR	Oregon Opportunity Grant ^ \$ OSAC Private Scholarships: March 1, 2022 * Oregon Promise Grant: Contact state agency. *
PA	All first-time applicants enrolled in a community college; business/trade/technical school; hospital school of nursing; designated Pennsylvania open-admission institution; or nontransferable two-year program: Aug. 1, 2022 (date received) All other applicants: May 1, 2022 (date received) *
SC	SC Commission on Higher Education Need-based Grants ^ \$ Tuition Grants: June 30, 2022 (date received)
TN	State Grant: Prior-year recipients receive award if eligible and apply by Feb. 1, 2022; all other awards made to neediest applicants. \$ Tennessee Promise: Feb. 1, 2022 (date received) State Lottery: fall term, Sept. 1, 2022 (date received); spring and summer terms, Feb. 1, 2023 (date received)
TX	Jan. 15, 2022 # * Private and two-year institutions may have different deadlines. *
WV	PROMISE Scholarship: March 1, 2022. New applicants must submit additional form. Contact your financial aid administrator or state agency. WV Higher Education Grant: April 15, 2022 WV Invests Grant: April 15, 2022 #

STATE AID DEADLINES

* Additional forms may be required. ^ As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2021.
Check with your financial aid administrator. # For priority consideration, submit by date specified.
\$ Awards made until funds are depleted.

What is the FAFSA® form?

Why fill out a FAFSA form?

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) is the first step in the financial aid process. You use the FAFSA form to apply for federal student aid, such as grants, work-study, and loans. In addition, most states and colleges use information from the FAFSA form to award nonfederal aid.

Why all the questions?

Most of the questions on the FAFSA form are required to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC measures your family's financial strength and is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Your state and the colleges you list may also use some of your responses. They will determine if you may be eligible for school or state aid, in addition to federal aid.

How do I find out what my Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is?

Your EFC will be listed on your *Student Aid Report* (SAR). Your SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your FAFSA form. It is important to review your SAR to make sure all of your information is correct and complete. Make corrections or provide additional information, as necessary.

How much student financial aid will I receive?

Using the information on your FAFSA form and your EFC, the financial aid office at your college will determine the amount of aid you will receive. The college will use your EFC to prepare a financial aid package to help you meet your financial need. Financial need is the difference between the cost of attendance (which can include living expenses), as determined by your college, and your EFC. If you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, you may receive it from only one college for the same period of enrollment. If you or your family have unusual circumstances that should be taken into account, contact your college's financial aid office. Some examples of unusual circumstances are: unusual medical or dental expenses or a large change in income from 2020 to this year.

When will I receive the student financial aid?

Any financial aid you are eligible to receive will be paid to you through your college. Typically, your college will first use the aid to pay tuition, fees and room and board (if provided by the college). Any remaining aid is paid to you for your other educational expenses.

How can I have more colleges receive my FAFSA form information?

If you are completing a paper FAFSA form, you can only list four colleges in the school code step. You may add more colleges by doing one of the following:

- After your FAFSA form has been processed, go to fafsa.gov, log in to the site, and follow the instructions for correcting your FAFSA form.
- Use the SAR which you will receive after your FAFSA form is processed. Your Data Release Number (DRN) verifies your identity and will be listed on the first page of your SAR. You can call 1-800-433-3243 and provide your DRN to a customer service representative, who will add more school codes for you.
- Provide your DRN to the financial aid administrator at the college you want added, and he or she can add their school code to your FAFSA form.

Note: Your FAFSA record can only list up to ten school codes. If there are ten school codes on your record, each new code will need to replace one of the school codes listed.

Where can I receive more information on student financial aid?

The best place for information about student financial aid is the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. The financial aid administrator can tell you about student aid available from your state, the college itself and other sources.

- You can also visit our web site StudentAid.gov.
- For information by phone you can call our Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.
- You can also check with your high school counselor, your state aid agency or your local library's reference section.

Information about other nonfederal assistance may be available from foundations, faith-based organizations, community organizations and civic groups, as well as organizations related to your field of interest, such as the American Medical Association or American Bar Association. Check with your parents' employers or unions to see if they award scholarships or have tuition assistance plans.

FAFSA® Privacy Act Statement

Authority: Sections 483 and 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, give us the authority to ask these questions, and to collect Social Security numbers (SSN), from both you and your parents.

Purpose: We use the information provided on your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to determine if you are eligible to receive federal student aid and the amount that you are eligible to receive. Your SSN is used to verify your identity and retrieve your records. We may request your SSN again for these purposes. State and institutional student financial aid programs also may use the information provided on your FAFSA form to determine if you are eligible to receive state and institutional aid and the financial need that you have for such aid.

Routine Uses: The information you provide will not be disclosed outside of the U.S. Department of Education (Department), except with your consent, and as otherwise allowed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended, pursuant to the routine uses identified in the Federal Student Aid Application File System of Records Notice federalregister.gov/documents/2020/10/29/2020-23581/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records. A routine use is a disclosure to a third party without your consent. The Department may disclose your information to third parties under a routine use published in the Notice linked to above. Significant routine use disclosures are as follows:

- Under the published routine uses, we may disclose information to third parties that we have authorized to assist the Department in administering the federal student financial aid programs.
- The Department also may send your information to other federal agencies through computer matching programs to verify your eligibility for federal student financial aid, to perform debt collection under the federal loan programs, and to minimize and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the federal student aid programs. Such computer matching programs include matching programs with the Selective Service System, Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. More information on sharing with other federal agencies pursuant to a computer matching agreement can be found on the Department of Education's Computer Matching Agreements page www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/om/pirms/cma.html.
- The Department will send your information to the state higher education agency in your state of legal residence. This disclosure will allow you to apply for state student financial aid without necessarily having to submit an additional application form. Your application information also will be sent to the college(s) listed on your FAFSA form, or its representative, and to the state higher education agencies in the states of the colleges listed. Additional information on state higher education agencies can be found at www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html
- The Department may also disclose information to your parents or spouse and to members of Congress if you ask them to help you with student aid questions. If the federal government, the U.S. Department of Education, or an employee of the U.S. Department of Education is involved in litigation, we may send information to the Department of Justice, or a court or adjudicative body, if the disclosure is related to financial aid and certain conditions are met. In addition, we may send your information to a foreign, federal, state, or local enforcement agency if the information that you submitted indicates a violation or potential violation of law, for which that agency has jurisdiction for investigation or prosecution. We may send information to the Office of Management and Budget or the Congressional Budget Service to fulfill Fair Credit Reporting Act requirements. Finally, we may disclose records in the course of responding to a breach of data to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons.
- The Department may disclose information to a federal or state agency or a fiscal or financial agency designated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping an improper payment.
- We may send information regarding a claim that is determined to be valid and overdue to a consumer reporting agency. This information includes identifiers from the record; the amount, status and history of the claim; and the program under which the claim arose.

Effects of Not Providing Information: Providing information, including your SSN, is voluntary; however, if you do not give us all the information we need to process your FAFSA form, your aid may be delayed or denied. If you are applying solely for federal aid, you must answer all of the following questions that apply to you and are requested: 1-9, 14-16, 18, 21-23, 26, 28-29, 32-58, 60-67, 72-100, 102, and 103. If you want to apply for state financial aid, you must answer all the relevant questions.

State Certification: By submitting this application, you are giving your state financial aid agency permission to verify any statement on this form and to obtain income tax information for all persons required to report income on this form.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995: According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0001. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one and a half hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is voluntary. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, please contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center, P.O. Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20044 directly. (Note: Please do not return the completed form to this address.)

We may request additional information from you to process your application more efficiently. We will collect this additional information only as needed and on a voluntary basis.