

## Get Money To Help Pay for School

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

Start a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form

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Edit a 2025–26 FAFSA® Form or Accept an Invitation

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### To complete the FAFSA, you will need the following items for yourself and your spouse or parents:

- Social Security Numbers, Full Name, Dates of Birth
- A valid and accessible email address, phone number for the student and each contributor
- 2023 year income information:
  - Federal tax information is now transferred directly from the IRS
  - Other income earned in 2023, if you did not file taxes on that income
  - Current total net value of cash, savings, checking accounts, investments (stocks, bonds, CDs, etc.), land and properties (other than your home), large private businesses (those with 100 or more employees), and business farms...UNLESS your total income in 2023 was less than \$50,000 AND...
  - In 2023, someone in your household received SSI, SNAP, Free/Reduced Lunches, TANF or WIC; **or**
  - You or your parent (if dependent) filed a [1040](#) but did NOT file a Schedule 1; **or**
  - You or your parent (if dependent) were a dislocated worker
- Your alien registration card and/or Visa (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

# FAFSA INSTRUCTIONS

## Student:

Non-US citizens that qualify for federal student aid are called “eligible noncitizens,” for more information, click [here](#).

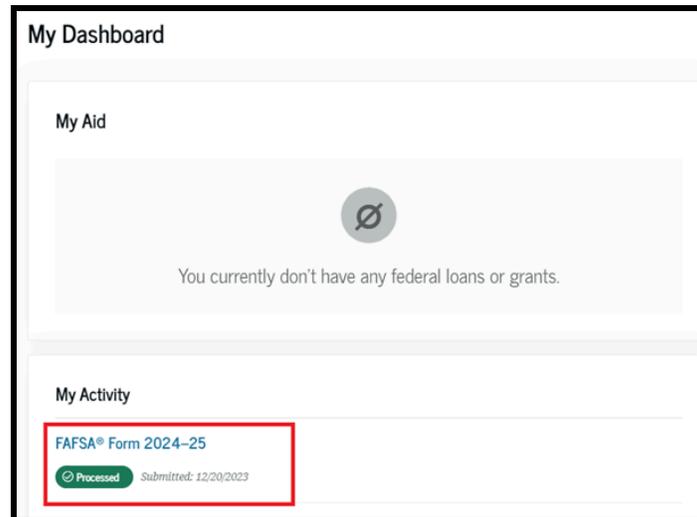
1. Go to <https://studentaid.gov/> and click on “Start Here”
2. Create your FSA ID:
  - a. If you have not created an [FSA ID](#) yet, select “Create an FSA ID”  
–Make sure that the name you associate with this account is same (spelling and order) as what is presented on your social security card
  - b. You will need a current e-mail account and an active phone number
    1. This email should not be the same as your parents email
    2. This email should not be the one you use in high school
  - c. If dependent, be sure to have your parent/guardian create a FSA ID as well
  - d. Once completed, return to the FAFSA homepage
3. Click “Log In”, enter your FSA ID and password, and select “Log In”
  - *A FSA ID is a combination of a username and password used to access U.S. Department of Education online services and acts as a legal signature for electronic forms. To create one, you’ll need your Social Security number (if applicable) and an email address.*
4. Select “FAFSA Form” from the top menu and then “Complete the FAFSA Form”
5. Under **2025-26 FAFSA Form**, select “Start New Form”
6. Follow the on-screen prompts and answer the basic questions about yourself (e.g. name, date of birth, social security number, state of residence)
  - The FAFSA prototype is a web-based tool that simulates common 2025–26 application and correction scenarios, but it’s not the full form. Feel free to use it to help you navigate the process before the real form. Click [HERE](#).
7. Student signs FAFSA: to sign the FAFSA form, log in with your FSA ID to electronically sign it.

## Parents/Guardians:

3. Invite your contributors (parent(s) or spouse) to add complete the FAFSA
  - a. This sends them an email with a link to <https://studentaid.gov/>
  - b. They need to have or create an FSA ID (this can take 3 to 5 business days)
    - *Beginning with the 2024–25 FAFSA, all contributors are required to have their own FSA ID to complete their section. As of December 2023, individuals without an SSN can also create an FSA ID. For a contributor who does not have a Social Security Number (SSN), you should enter **all zeros (000-00-0000)** in the SSN field.*
  - c. Their tax information for 2023 will be transferred automatically (sometimes have to add manually). One must provide consent in order to receive federal aid.
  - d. They may be asked for current assets and other resources
4. Each person electronically “Signs” the FAFSA
5. Submit the FAFSA and save your **confirmation number** (take a photo)

**Frequently Asked Information:**

- After you submit the FAFSA, it typically takes 3 to 5 business days for your application to be processed. Once it's reviewed, you'll receive a confirmation and a summary of your application, including an estimate of the financial aid you may qualify for.



- The FAFSA application will show the list of universities the applicant selected. Once the FAFSA is processed, it sends the application information to those schools for further evaluation by their financial aid offices.
  - Timelines can vary by institution, but as long as the student listed the universities on their FAFSA, they will be notified once each school's financial aid office has completed its review and updated the student's award letter accordingly
- Make sure that students are aware that they should check with their university of choice before they attempt to make corrections on their FAFSA