

# FAFSA

**Need Money for College?  
Complete the FAFSA!**

**FAFSA.GOV**



All college bound students and their parents (who are referred to as “contributors”) should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA is available October 1. Apply early for the best chance of receiving the aid you need!



You can fill out the FAFSA on a computer or mobile device.

Filling out the FAFSA is free. Never pay a company or service to process your FAFSA.



By completing the FAFSA, you automatically apply for a Pell Grant (free money).

Don't let the FAFSA intimidate you, and don't assume that you won't be eligible for any aid.



VIDEO

*For information on how to get money for college, watch this video on financial aid.*

# FAFSA CHECKLIST

## What you need to fill out the FAFSA

*If you are a dependent, the following are needed for both you and your contributors.*

### **A studentaid.gov account**

Visit [studentaid.gov/fsa-id](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id) to create an account. This is a necessary step for all students and contributors.

### **Social security number or Alien Registration Number**

### **Driver's license number**

(if you have one)

### **Federal income tax return, W-2s, and other records of money earned**

While you may want to have this information on hand, all contributors are required to consent to having their tax information transferred from the IRS directly into the FAFSA form via the direct data exchange (DDX). Consent is required for a student to be eligible for federal aid.

### **Current balances of cash, checking, and savings; and net worth of investments, businesses, and farms**

### **Information on untaxed income**

(such as child support)

### **List of up to 20 schools you're considering**

**If you have any questions about the FAFSA, visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).**