

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to apply for federal, state and some college-based financial aid.

You should file a FAFSA *as soon as possible* after it opens.



What you will need to file the FAFSA

- Email address and mobile phone number.
- An FSA ID to sign forms electronically. See reverse side for instructions about obtaining an FSA ID.
- Your Social Security number.
- Your alien registration number or ITIN if you're not a U.S. citizen.
- Your 2022 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.
- Bank statements, annual child support received for the last complete calendar year and records of investments (if applicable).
- If you are a dependent student, you will also need most of the above information for your parents — plus date of birth, SSN, marital status, and date parent was married, divorced or widowed.

TIP:

Unless you meet certain criteria, you are probably dependent.

Visit studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa and click *Get FAFSA help* to determine if you are dependent or independent and to learn about how to fill out the form in more detail.

FREE application at studentaid.gov



Parents who do not have a Social Security Number should still register for an FSA ID.

The FAFSA is FREE. Students and parents don't need to pay to submit or have the form processed.

The FSA ID is the username and password you use to log in to and electronically sign your FAFSA.

It also confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and sign federal student aid documents at other U.S. Department of Education websites.

The student and both parents of dependent students will need to create an FSA ID.



TIP:

Set up active email accounts for the student and both parents before applying for an FSA ID. Do not use a school or work email address!

1



Visit studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch.

2



Create a memorable username and password.

3



Enter your name, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information and challenge questions and answers.

4



Confirm your cell phone number using the secure code, which will be texted to the number you provided.

5



Confirm your email address using the secure code, which will be sent to the email address you entered when you created your FSA ID.

TIP:

Keep track of your FSA ID since you'll use it for the federal student aid application process each year.