

# FAFSA RESOURCES

## FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is the form seniors must complete to be considered for federal financial aid to help pay for college (4-year/2-year/technical schools). Each year, over 13 million students who file the FAFSA get more than \$120 billion in grants, work-study, and low-interest loans from the U.S. Department of Education.

**ALL** seniors should complete the FAFSA. For the **Class of 2025, the FAFSA will open December 1, 2024**. We strongly encourage seniors and their parents submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after the form is available.

Many colleges have deadlines or priority dates for your FAFSA to be completed and submitted. Meeting the priority deadline date allows you the best opportunity to be considered for the most aid types possible, including aid from the colleges. Check the deadlines for each college you are applying to.

### **Steps for the Class of 2025:**

1. **Create your FSA ID** - which is how you will access and sign the online FAFSA. The student and parent must create their own unique FSA IDs. This must be done prior to starting the FAFSA. Make sure you save your username and password.
2. **On/after December 1, 2024, go to the FAFSA Website, access the 2025-2026 FAFSA form and log in using your FSA ID.**

### **LINKS**

[How to create your FSA ID Video](#)

[Create your FSA ID](#)

[How Financial Aid Works](#)

[Filling Out the FAFSA Form- tips/instructions](#)

[FAFSA Application website](#)

[What Happens After FAFSA Submitted](#)



***Students do not need to know if or where they will go to college to complete the FAFSA – it simply determines if you qualify for federal aid.***