

FAFSA RESOURCES

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is the form seniors need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. 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 fall of senior year. You can file as early as October 1 for the following academic year. It's a good idea to submit the application as soon as possible because financial aid is often given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Some 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. Check the deadlines for each college you are applying to.

Steps for the Class of 2022:

1. **Create your FSA ID** - which is how you will sign the online FAFSA. The student and a parent must create their own unique FSA IDs. This can be done before October. Make sure you save your username and password.
2. **On/after October 1, 2021, go to the FAFSA Website, create an account, and complete the 2022-2023 FAFSA form.**

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](#)



We encourage seniors and their parents to complete the FAFSA in October-November of senior year. 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.