


Financial Aid

Fall Preview Day



What is financial aid?

Federal and state government dollars in the form of grants, loans, and Work Study to help finance education costs.



Financial Aid helps make college affordable

- Financial aid is intended to make up the difference between what your family can afford to pay and what college costs.
- Over half of the students currently enrolled in college receive some sort of financial aid to help pay college costs.

How do I apply?

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- You'll need your Social Security number, information from tax forms, and banking information
- Department of Education PIN www.pin.ed.gov

APPLY EARLY!

The FAFSA can be completed any time after January 1 of the year the student plans to enroll.

FAFSA application

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The website header features the FAFSA logo and the text "Free Application for Federal Student Aid". A navigation menu includes links for FAFSA Home, Student Aid on the Web, Application Deadlines, PIN Site, Help, Contact Us, FAQs, Site Map, and About Us. The main content area is titled "Federal Student Aid FAFSA" and includes a navigation sidebar with links for "Before Beginning a FAFSA", "Filling Out a FAFSA", and "FAFSA Follow-Up". The main content is organized into three numbered steps: 1. Before Beginning a FAFSA, 2. Filling Out a FAFSA, and 3. FAFSA Follow-Up. Each step includes a brief description and a list of tasks. A "Special Announcements" section highlights new grant programs. A "Juniors" section provides information for high school juniors. A "FAFSA ALERTS" section lists deadlines for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. A "Scheduled Maintenance" section notes that the website will be unavailable on Sundays. The footer includes the text "Site Last Updated: Tuesday, January 22, 2008" and a status bar at the bottom showing "Internet" and "100%".

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid - Windows Internet Explorer
http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

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Before Beginning a FAFSA
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FAFSA Follow-Up

Special Announcements
Alert! Important information about two new grant programs.

Juniors. Looking for an early start on the FAFSA?
High school juniors can take advantage of our FAFSA4caster Web site and learn about the financial aid process, gain early awareness of aid eligibility, and much more.
[Link to FAFSA4caster](#)

Federal Student Aid FAFSA

We have simplified the process of filling out the FAFSA. You can follow each section all of the way through for a comprehensive set of instructions.

1 Before Beginning a FAFSA
Get organized!
To simplify the application process, gather required documents and other information ahead of time.

- [Determine Your Dependency Status](#)
- [Open Your Saved FAFSA on the Web Worksheet](#)
- [Search for School Codes](#)
- [Students & Parents Apply For a PIN](#)
- [Check Application Deadline Dates](#)

2 Filling Out a FAFSA
Fill out the application!
The FAFSA has seven steps that ask about you, your financial information, your school plans, and more.

- [Fill Out Your FAFSA](#)
- [Open Your Saved FAFSA or Correction Application](#)
- [Sign Electronically With Your PIN](#)

3 FAFSA Follow-Up
View your results online!
You can check the status of your application, make corrections to a processed FAFSA, and get other information.

- [Check Status of a Submitted FAFSA or Print Signature Page](#)
- [Make Corrections to a Processed FAFSA](#)
- [Add or Delete a School Code](#)
- [View and Print Your Student Aid Report](#)

FAFSA ALERTS:
FAFSA Deadlines:
Submit 2007-2008 FAFSA on the Web Applications by **midnight Central Daylight time, June 30, 2008.**
Submit 2008-2009 FAFSA on the Web Applications by **midnight Central Daylight time, June 30, 2009.** [More»](#)
State deadlines are normally much earlier than Federal deadlines. To find your state's deadline, select [state deadlines](#).

Scheduled Maintenance:
FAFSA on the Web will be unavailable every Sunday from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. (Eastern Time). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. [More»](#)

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FAFSA Worksheet



2009 - 2010
FAFSA ON THE WEB WORKSHEET
www.fafsa.ed.gov



DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET.

You must complete and submit a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) to apply for federal student aid and to apply for most state and college aid. Applying online with *FAFSA on the Web* at www.fafsa.ed.gov is faster and easier than using a paper FAFSA.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as January 2009. See the table to the right for state deadlines. Check with your high school counselor or your college's financial aid administrator about other deadlines.

- This Worksheet is optional and should only be completed if you plan to use *FAFSA on the Web*.
- Sections in purple are for parent information.
- In parentheses after each question is the number that is used on *FAFSA on the Web* and the paper FAFSA. However, not all of the questions appear on this worksheet.
- Submit your FAFSA early, but not before January 1, 2009.

Apply Faster—Sign your FAFSA with a Federal Student Aid PIN. If you do not have a PIN, you can apply for one at www.pin.ed.gov. Your PIN allows you to electronically sign when you submit your FAFSA. If you are providing parent information, one parent must also sign your FAFSA. To sign electronically, your parent should also apply for a PIN.

You will need the following information to complete this Worksheet:

- Your Social Security Number and your parents' Social Security Numbers if you are providing parental information.
- Your driver's license number if you have one.
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen.
- 2008 federal tax information or tax returns (including IRS W-2 information) for yourself (and spouse if you are married) and for your parents if you are providing parental information. If you have not yet filed a 2008 income tax return, you can still submit your FAFSA but you must provide income and tax information.
- Information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for yourself and your parents if you are providing parental information.

WARNING!

Be wary of organizations that charge a fee to submit your application or to find you money for college. In general, the help you pay for can be obtained for free from your college or from Federal Student Aid.

NOTE:

If you or your family have unusual circumstances (such as loss of employment), complete *FAFSA on the Web* to the extent you can, then submit the application and consult the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

STATE AID DEADLINES

Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories:
AL, AK, AZ, CO, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NY, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY.

AK	April 15, 2009 (date received)
AR	Academic Challenge - June 1, 2009 Workforce Grant - Contact your financial aid administrator Higher Education Opportunity Grant - June 1, 2009 (but later) - November 1, 2009 (spring term) (date received)
AZ	March 1, 2009 (date received)
CA	Initial awards - March 2, 2009 Additional community college awards - September 2, 2009 (date postmarked)
CT	February 15, 2009 (date received)
DC	June 30, 2009 (date received by state)
DE	April 15, 2009 (date received)
FL	May 15, 2009 (date processed)
IA	July 1, 2009 (date received)
IL	Opportunity Grant - March 1, 2009 (date received) First-time applicants - September 30, 2009 Continuing applicants - August 15, 2009 (date received)
IN	March 10, 2009 (date received)
KS	April 1, 2009 (date received)
KY	March 15, 2009 (date received)
LA	July 1, 2009 (date received)
MA	May 1, 2009 (date received)
MD	March 1, 2009 (date received)
ME	May 1, 2009 (date received)
MI	March 1, 2009 (date received)
MN	30 days after term starts (date received)
MO	April 1, 2009 (date received)
MS	M/AG and MESO Grants - September 15, 2009 HELP Scholarship - March 31, 2009 (date processed)
MT	March 1, 2009 (date received)
ND	March 15, 2009 (date received)
NH	May 1, 2009 (date received)
NJ	June 1, 2009, if you received a Tuition Aid Grant in 2008-2009 All other applicants - October 1, 2009 (fall & spring terms) - March 1, 2010, spring term only (date received)
NY	May 1, 2010 (date received)
OH	October 1, 2009 (date received)
OK	April 15, 2009 (date received) for best consideration
PA	All 2008-2009 State Grant recipients & all new 2008-2009 State Grant recipients in degree programs - May 1, 2009 All other applicants - August 1, 2009 (date received)
RI	March 1, 2009 (date received)
SC	Tuition Grants - June 30, 2009 (date received)
TN	State Grant - March 1, 2009 State Lottery - September 1, 2009 (date received)
TX	March 1, 2009 (date received)

For priority consideration, submit application by date specified.
* Additional form may be required.

How is Financial Aid determined?

$$\text{COA} - \text{EFC} = \text{Need}$$

(Estimated Cost of Attendance – Expected Family Contribution
= Financial Need)

Example

Need varies based on cost of attendance

	Private	Four Year Public	Two Year Public
COA	\$40,000	\$17,000	\$10,000
EFC	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Need	\$37,000	\$14,000	\$7,000

What are grants and scholarships?

- Also called gift aid, grants do not have to be repaid. Grant aid comes from federal and state governments and from individual colleges. Eligibility is determined by the FAFSA.
- Scholarships are usually awarded based on merit.

Scholarships



Scholarship Information

- www.uwosh.edu
- www.uwosh.edu/fin_aids/
- Check with local organizations/high school guidance office
- Scholarship search engines
 - FastWeb.com
 - Finaid.org
 - NextStudent.com

Tips on Applying for Scholarships

Understanding eligibility criteria

- Financial need
- Scholastic achievement
- Deadline
- Other criteria
- Application
- Personal statement: What should I include?

Where do students learn about federal financial aid?

The U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid (FSA) programs are the largest source of student aid in America

- www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov
- www.college.gov

Helpful Links

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.pin.ed.gov
- www.college.gov
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
- <http://heab.state.wi.us>
- www.irs.gov
- <http://www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org/>
- http://www.uwosh.edu/fin_aids/