

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Action Items

- [Create an FSA ID](#) to allow you to fill out the FAFSA. This should take you to the online form, but if it doesn't or you already have an FSA ID, Go to [Complete the FAFSA form](#) and click on "Start Here" to create an account.
- Read FAFSA's web page on [Filling out the FAFSA form](#) beforehand or as you go. It's thorough and helpful, although lengthy.
- Visit the [FAFSA help page](#) for questions or contact them via online chat, phone or email through their [Help Center](#).
- If you have extra time, Khan Academy has a personal Finance Unit on [Paying for College](#) that includes a section on the financial aid application process.

Important Information

- **Make sure you apply to the year you intend to begin college (for seniors 2021-2022)**
- As always, give yourself time to start this. You can save your work and come back.
- This form is free (never pay to fill it out from another site)
- Student and parent need separate FSA IDs to sign on the FAFSA
- You need a Social Security number (SSN) or Alien Registration Number to create an FSA ID. DACA students who have received a SSN may use the FAFSA if you feel comfortable. Students without a SSN are [not eligible for federal US funding](#) and should check with the school counseling office and/or consult the school to which you are applying for how to proceed. It may still be possible to get state or private funding. NASFAA also has a useful info sheet to consult for [undocumented students](#).
- Your Name and SSN must match those on your Social Security card. While admission offices may use your chosen name or a nickname, Financial Aid offices must use your legal name.
- If you are male or assigned male at birth and over 18 you need to register with the Selective Service to be eligible for Financial aid. Filling out the FAFSA can register you
- The [2021-2022 Worksheet](#) gives you a preview of questions with some explanations. DO NOT FILL and SUBMIT this form. It's only a tool to help with the FAFSA.