

# FAFSA First!

## FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- It's the ONLY way to apply for federal student aid
- Largest provider of student financial aid in the nation
- \$150 billion offered annually to help millions of students pay for college or career school

• Colleges use information from the FAFSA to determine what financial aid can be awarded to students

• Some financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis



As of October 1, the FAFSA is available to be submitted for the next school year.

Apply Now!

Complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)



Free money that doesn't have to be repaid



Gives you the opportunity to earn money to help pay for your education



Money that needs to be repaid with interest

The FAFSA helps determine what types of federal student aid you are eligible to receive.



1 Students and parents each need to create FSA IDs **before** starting the FAFSA



2 Refer to the FAFSA to determine which tax returns & W2s should be used



3 After the FAFSA is submitted, review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for any errors



Your financial aid award letter will explain what financial aid a college is offering.



- Federal, state, and institutional aid will be included (based on your eligibility)
- Instructions for accepting the aid will also be included



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