

Finish the FAFSA in 5 Steps

Why file a FAFSA? It's the ONLY way to apply for federal student aid like the Pell Grant!

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Gather materials

- Social Security Card
- Driver's license
- W2 forms & tax returns specified on the FAFSA
- Current account balances
- Determine your dependency status at studentaid.ed.gov
- If you're a dependent student, you'll also need your parent(s) financial information

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Create an FSA ID

- The FSA ID is a username and password
- Use your FSA ID to electronically sign your FAFSA and your student loan applications, make corrections, & more
- Create at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- Save your FSA ID to use again next year
- If you're a dependent student, one of your parents that you report on your FAFSA will also need an FSA ID

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Fill it Out

- Apply online at fafsa.gov
- Enter student and parent names as shown on Social Security cards
- Enter up to 10 different federal school codes (schools you want to receive your FAFSA results)
- Consider using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to automatically transfer tax data to your FAFSA (read more at studentaid.ed.gov)

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Sign & Submit

- Enter your FSA ID to electronically sign (dependent students: one of the parents whose info you report on your FAFSA needs to sign with his/her FSA ID too)
- Click SUBMIT at the bottom of the page
- Review your confirmation page for info about your estimated aid eligibility and the schools you've selected

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Follow Up

- Watch your email for your Student Aid Report (SAR) and review the information you reported on your FAFSA for errors
- Provide any necessary documentation that may be required by the schools you added to your FAFSA. Follow up with the financial aid office if you have additional questions.

Helpful Links

FAFSAHelpOH.org

Helpful videos and other FAFSA & financial aid resources.

FAFSA.gov

Complete and submit the FAFSA

StudentAid.ed.gov

- Create your FSA ID
- Complete loan documents (if applicable)
- Learn about federal student aid programs

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