

2026-2027 FAFSA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)



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Create Your StudentAid.gov Account



Every student must have their own account.

You will need your name, DOB, and SSN exactly as it appears on your Social Security card.

Parents/spouses without an SSN can still complete their section of the form.

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Gather What You'll Need



- 2024 Federal Tax Returns
- Records of child support received
- Current bank balances (checking, savings, cash)
- Investments, businesses, farms (if applicable)

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Starting & Inviting Contributors

Recommended: Student starts the application, then sends invites to contributors.*

Contributor Invitation: Sent at the end of the student section.

Only requires the contributor's email.

After student submits, they'll see and receive an application code to share with contributors.

*A FAFSA contributor is an individual required to provide their information and consent for their tax data to be transferred into the FAFSA form, which can include the student, their spouse, or a biological, adoptive, or stepparent.

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Key FAFSA Rules



Consent Required: All contributors must give consent for IRS to transfer tax info. Without consent, the student cannot receive federal aid.

Dependency Status: FAFSA decides if you need parent info.

List Schools: Add up to 20 colleges.

Privacy: The Department of Education does not share information beyond providing educational resources, protected under the Privacy Act.

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FAFSA Tips

File early to maximize aid.

Double-check deadlines for your college and state.

FAFSA is always FREE — only use the official studentaid.gov site.



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Need Help?

Use the FAFSA Help Center.

Ask your college's financial aid office.

Visit cafécollege, we'll guide you through it!



Need extra support navigating financial aid? Advising is available for youth and adults at cafécollege, the City's one-stop-shop for all things college. Visit us in-person or online to meet with an advisor — no appointment needed.