

# FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid | [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)



## FAFSA is for ...

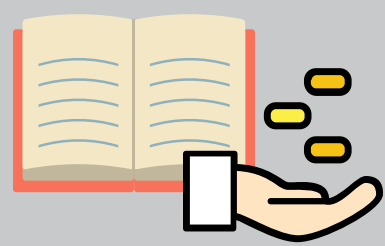


### FEDERAL AID ...

The FAFSA is the only way to apply for federal student aid. FAFSA helps determine the types of aid you are eligible to receive.



Grants



Work Study



Loans

OCTOBER

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Apply online starting October 1st for next school year!

### and MORE!



Many states and colleges use FAFSA information to determine what financial aid packages they award students, in addition to federal aid, such as local scholarships or grants.

**22**

MILLION families file every year

**2** students receive  
**3** some form of aid

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**\$150**

BILLION

offered annually to help students pay for college or career school

Do I need to answer every question?

Yes, even if it doesn't apply. Enter a 0 rather than leaving it blank.

Do I need to fill out a FAFSA every year?

Yes. The good news is that it gets easier each year, as most of your information is pre-populated on the form.

Does my family make too much money to qualify for financial aid?

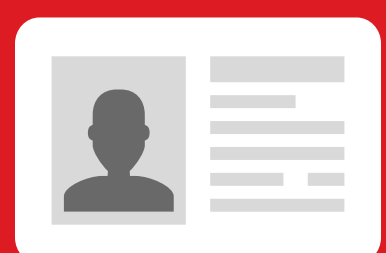
No! There's no income cap on the FAFSA and schools also look at other factors when awarding financial aid.

I already have money saved for college, so do I need to file a FAFSA?

Yes. Many colleges require it for you to qualify for institutional scholarships & grants.



## What You Need



IDs

Drivers license, Social Security # (or Alien Reg), FSA ID



TAX RETURNS

Your parents' returns from last year and yours, if you worked



ACCOUNT INFO

Bank account statements, investment & asset details



TIME

Gather all papers and set aside 30-45 to complete the FAFSA