

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!

1

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

2

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

3

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)

4

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

5

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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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



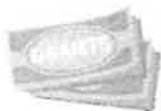
As of October 1, the FAFSA is available to be submitted for the next school year.

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

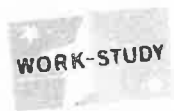
- Some financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis

Apply Now!

Complete the FAFSA online at 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



www.FafsaHelpOH.org

Financial Aid/FAFSA Glossary

Common terms and acronyms to know

Award Amount: Amount of aid a school expects to pay a student based on the student's current grant and loan eligibility, enrollment, Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and the school's Cost of Attendance (COA).

Cost of Attendance (COA): The total amount it will cost you to go to school, usually stated as a yearly figure. COA includes tuition and fees; room and board (or a housing and food allowance); and allowances for books, supplies, transportation, loan fees and dependent care.

Data Release Number (DRN): The four-digit number assigned to your FAFSA that allows you to release your FAFSA data to additional schools you did not list when first submitting your FAFSA. You need this number if you contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center to make corrections to your mailing address. The DRN can be found below the confirmation number on your FAFSA submission confirmation page or in the top right-hand corner of your Student Aid Report (SAR).

Expected Family Contribution (EFC): Based on the financial information you provide in your FAFSA, this number is used to determine your eligibility for federal student financial aid.

Federal Pell Grant: A federal grant for undergraduate students with financial need. A Pell Grant is a type of financial aid, often based on financial need, which does not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund to the university).

Federal Student Loan: A loan funded by the federal government to help pay for your education. A federal student loan is borrowed money you must repay with interest.

Federal Work-Study: A federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school to help pay your education expenses.

Financial Aid Offer/Package: The total amount of financial aid (federal and nonfederal) a student is offered by a college or career school. The school's financial aid office combines various forms of aid into a "package" to help meet a student's education costs.

Financial Need: The difference between the Cost of Attendance (COA) at a school and your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). While COA varies from school to school, your EFC does not change based on the school you attend.

FSA ID: A username and password combination that serves as a student's or parent's identifier to allow access to personal information in various U.S. Department of Education systems and acts as a digital signature on the FAFSA and other online forms.

Student Aid Report (SAR): A summary of the information submitted on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID (FSA ID)

- An FSA ID is a username and password that gives a student/parent access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and serves as their legal signature.
- The student and one parent whose information is on the FAFSA will need their own individual FSA IDs.
- It is best to request FSA IDs before beginning the FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov
- FSA ID requires an email address or mobile phone number. An email address and mobile number can only be associated with one FSAID. Parents and students cannot use the same email or mobile phone number.
- Students should not use a high school email address because it will be deleted after graduation.

PARENT AND STUDENT SIGNATURE

- The most common reason a submitted FAFSA is considered incomplete is **missing signatures**.
- Students and parents are encouraged to request the FSA ID prior to beginning the FAFSA.

Signature Status

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Parent Financials	Student Financials	Sign & Submit	Confirmation
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

• Both you and a parent need to sign your FAFSA.

• Only sign for yourself. If you and your parents are not together, one of you can sign, save the application and then exit, give the "save key" to the other person who can log in with it and sign and submit the FAFSA.

Be sure not to mix up your and your parent's FSA IDs when signing.

Student Signature Needed	
Signature Status: Unsigned	
PROVIDE STUDENT SIGNATURE	✓

Parent Signature Needed	
Signature Status: Unsigned	
PROVIDE PARENT SIGNATURE	✓

OHIO FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund** awards will be 100% of tuition and fees at public colleges and \$8,545 at private colleges.
- **Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veteran's Children Scholarship** will be 84% of tuition and fees at public colleges and \$7,532 at private colleges.
- **Ohio National Guard (ONG)** awards 100% of instructional and general fee charges at public institutions or the equivalent amount at private institutions.
- **Nursing Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP)**
 - RN = \$1,620
 - Nurse Educators = \$6,000