

Financial Aid 101

What The FAFSA Can Do For You!

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Today's Topics

- Federal Financial Aid Programs
- What Is the FAFSA?
- When and How to Apply
- What to Expect After Applying
- Where to Get Help and Information
- Questions???

Myths About Financial Aid

“...only students with good grades get financial aid.”

Reality: High school diploma, GED and home schooling certificate...

... more scholarship opportunities available...

Myths About Financial Aid

“...the financial aid form is too hard to fill out.”

Reality: The FAFSA is easier than ever, especially if you fill it out online

Official website is [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Where Does Aid Come From?

- Federal Government
- State Government
- Schools
- Private

Types of Financial Aid

- Gift Aid - Need or Merit based:
 - Grants and Scholarships
- Self-Help Aid:
 - Work Study - Employment opportunities
 - Loans

Federal Financial Aid Programs

- Federal Grants
- Federal Work-Study
- Federal Student Loans

There is more than **\$150 billion** available in federal aid to help students pay for postsecondary education

Gift Aid - Federal Grant Programs

- Federal Pell Grant Program - \$5550
- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant - \$5550
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant - \$4000
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, or FSEOG - \$4000

Federal Loan Programs

Considerations:

- Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized
- Interest rate
- Grace period
- Death or Permanently Disabled

Know:

- Deferment & Forbearance
- Loan Repayment Plans
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program
- Teacher Loan Forgiveness

Federal Loan Programs

	Interest Rate	Repayment	Additional Info
Federal Perkins Loan	5% Fixed	9 months after school	
Federal Stafford/ Direct Loan	Subsidized 3.4% Fixed Unsubsidized 6.8% Fixed	6 months after school	Subsidized: no interest charged while in school Unsubsidized: interest accrues while in school
Federal Parent PLUS Loan	7.9% Fixed Direct Lending Schools	May be deferred until 6 months student drop ½ time or 60 days after loan is fully disbursed	Interest accrues while student is in school

FAFSA.GOV

- Must file every year
- Can file Jan. 1st of senior year
- PIN (Parent/Student)
- Check with college to determine if additional applications need to be completed. I.E. CSS Profile application

FAFSA Completion by High School

www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/datacenter/fafsahs

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top right, there are links for 'ABOUT US', 'ENGLISH', and 'ESPAÑOL'. The main header features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo with the tagline 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION' and the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND™'. A search bar is located to the right of the logo, containing the text 'Search studentaid.gov' and a green search button. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with five menu items: 'Prepare for College', 'Types of Aid', 'Who Gets Aid', 'FAFSA: Apply for Aid', and 'Repay Your Loans', each with a downward arrow. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Home » About Us » Data Center » Student Data » Application Volume Reports » FAFSA Completion by High School'. The primary heading is 'FAFSA Completion by High School'. The text below reads: 'As the cost of college continues to increase, financial aid becomes ever more important. While many factors are involved in the decision to attend college, there is a strong correlation between FAFSA completion and college enrollment. Previously, high schools relied on self-reported surveys to estimate their FAFSA completion rate and that data can be inaccurate. For this reason, Federal Student Aid is providing high schools with current data about their FAFSA submissions and completions so that high'. To the right, there is a 'Glossary' section with a link for 'FAFSA' and the text 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid'.

FAFSA.GOV Homepage



The screenshot shows the FAFSA.GOV homepage with a navigation bar at the top containing icons and links for Home, About Us, Student Aid on the Web, PIN Site, Contact Us, and Browse Help. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar, with 'English' and 'Español' language options. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with a blue background and a photo of four diverse students. The banner text reads 'Get help paying for college' and 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. A prominent orange button labeled 'Start Here' is centered in the banner. To the right of the button is a list of bullet points: 'Start or continue your FAFSA', 'Correct your FAFSA', and 'Check the status of your FAFSA, and more...'. Below the banner are two columns of content. The left column contains links for 'Deadlines', 'School Code Search', and 'FAFSA Filing Options'. The right column contains an 'Announcements' section with a link to the 'IRS Data Retrieval Tool' and a 'Thinking About College?' section with a link to 'FAFSA4caster'.

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Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Start Here

- Start or continue your FAFSA
- Correct your FAFSA
- Check the status of your FAFSA, and more...

Deadlines
Information about your deadlines.

School Code Search
Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

FAFSA Filing Options
Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.

Announcements

- Use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) to update your FAFSA with IRS tax return information.

If you have already submitted a FAFSA and would like to use the Tool, click Start Here, login, and start a correction. Once in the FAFSA, navigate to the "Finances" section, where the

Thinking About College?

Use *FAFSA4caster* to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

START HERE GO FURTHER FEDERAL STUDENT AID **FAFSA**
Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Contact Us Browse Help SEARCH

Student Demographics School Selection Dependency Status Parent Demographics **Financial Information** Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT

Student Tax Information

For 2011, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?
Already completed

You may be able to use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) to view and transfer your tax information from the IRS.

Check all that apply or check **None of the above**.

- My tax filing status is Married Filing Separately
- My tax filing status is Head of Household
- I filed an amended tax return
- I filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return
- I recently filed my taxes
- None of the above

Based on your response, you are not eligible to transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA.
Click **Next** to continue.

PREVIOUS NEXT

NEED HELP? SAVE CLEAR ALL DATA VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY EXIT

Help and Hints
Student Filed 2010 Income Tax Return?
Question 32

You must select the answer that describes your tax filing status:

- Already completed
- Will file
- Not going to file

Site Last Updated: Tuesday, August 16, 2011

IRS Data Retrieval Tool



[Return to FAFSA](#) | [Log Out](#) | [Help](#)

Parent <YYYY> Federal Income Tax Information

The information below is your tax information that will help you answer some of the questions on the FAFSA.

	My Tax Information	FAFSA Question Numbers
Tax Year	<2008>	
Name (s)	<Joe & Jane Smith>	
Social Security Number	<***-**-6789>	
Filing Status	<Married-Filed Joint Return>	
Type of Tax Return Filed	<1040>	Question <##> on the FAFSA
Adjusted Gross Income	<\$126,721>	Question <##> on the FAFSA
Income Tax	<\$31,400>	Question <##> on the FAFSA
IRS Exemptions	<5>	Question <##> on the FAFSA
Education Credits	<\$2,500>	Question <##> on the FAFSA
IRA Deductions and Payments	<\$2,500>	Question <##> on the FAFSA
Tax-Exempt Interest Income	<\$2,500>	Question <##> on the FAFSA
Untaxed IRA Distributions	<-\$2,500>	Question <##> on the FAFSA
Untaxed Pensions	<-\$2,500>	Question <##> on the FAFSA

Print this page for your records before choosing an option below.

Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA

- The tax information provided above will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA questions. After the FAFSA is populated your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA. Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.

Transfer Now

Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA

- By clicking the "Do Not Transfer" button, you are choosing not to transfer your tax information electronically. Your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA. You may still use this tax information to input the data into your FAFSA.

Do Not Transfer

Federal Student Aid Information Center




Contact Us

- Live help
- Toll-free number
- E-mail.

Contact Us

We are here to help. The Federal Student Aid Information Center can answer your questions. Contact us using any of the options below.

You can also [Browse Help](#) to find answers to your questions online.

	<p>FAFSA on the Web - Live Help</p> <p>Live Help is a secure online chat session where you can ask our customer service representatives a question.</p> <p>LIVE HELP</p>	<p>Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time)</p> <p>Not available on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.</p>
	<p>Call Us</p> <p>You can call us at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 319-337-5665.</p> <p>If you are hearing impaired call the TTY line at 1-800-730-8913.</p>	<p>Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time)</p> <p>Not available on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.</p> <p><i>You can use our automated telephone services to get recorded information and conduct some business 24 hours a day.</i></p>
	<p>E-mail Us</p> <p>Use the online form to ask your question, send us your comments, or alert us to a technical issue you are having. One of our customer service representatives will reply back via e-mail. Or, if you prefer, you can e-mail us at FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov</p> <p>E-MAIL US</p>	<p>You can e-mail us anytime. We'll respond within one day, except for Sundays and federal holidays.</p>

Detailed College Info and Comparison

- College's website
- School type
- Tuition and fees
- Net price average
- Graduation rates
- Retention rates
- Transfer rates

Compare School Information

The following information is a subset of data that has been obtained from the *College Navigator* Web site, developed by the National Center for Education Statistics. Complete information for each college can be accessed by visiting <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>.

School Name:	COLUMBIA COLLEGE	DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	WESTWOOD COLLEGE - O'HARE AIRPORT
Address:	600 S MICHIGAN AVE	1 EAST JACKSON	8501 WEST HIGGINS ROAD
City:	CHICAGO	CHICAGO	CHICAGO
Federal School Code:	001665	001671	016368
Web site:	www.colum.edu	www.depaul.edu	www.westwood.edu
School Type:	Private not-for-profit- 4-year or above	Private not-for-profit- 4-year or above	Private for-profit- 4-year or above
Tuition and Fees:			
In-State	\$20,644	\$30,618	\$14,923
Out-of-State	\$20,644	\$30,618	\$14,923
Net Price Average:	NA	NA	NA
Graduation Rate:	41%	68%	29%
Retention Rate:	66%	87%	28%
Transfer Rate	NA	13%	NA

- The information provided above is updated quarterly and may not reflect recent changes.
- If you are attending a branch campus, the information provided here may be for the main campus. *College Navigator* may have more specific information.
- The amounts for tuition and fees apply to full-time first-time degree/certificate-seeking students.
- Net Price Average** is the average yearly price charged to full-time, first-time undergraduate students receiving student aid at an institution of higher education after deducting any grant and scholarship aid received. Average Net Price provides students and families with an idea of how much a first-time, full-time undergraduate student who receives grant/scholarship aid pays to attend a particular institution after subtracting out that grant/scholarship aid.
- Graduation rate** is the percentage of a school's first-time, first-year undergraduate students who complete their program within 150% of the published time for the program.
- Retention rate** is the percentage of a school's first-time, first-year undergraduate students who continue at that school the next year.
- Transfer rate** is the percentage of a school's first-time, first-year undergraduate students who transfer to another college within 150% of the published time for the program.
- NA indicates that information is not available from *College Navigator*.

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Basic Eligibility Requirements

Students must be:

- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Registered with Selective Service (Males) (18-25)
- Social Security Number (with limited exceptions)
- High school diploma, home schooling certificate or GED
- No drug related convictions while receiving Aid
- Matriculated – enrolled in an eligible program
- Maintain ‘Satisfactory Academic Progress’
- Not in Default or Overpayment Status

FAFSA Documents

- Social Security Number (Student & Parent)
- Your driver's license number (not mandatory)
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen.
- Federal tax information or tax returns, including W-2 information, for yourself, (for your spouse if married, and for your parents if you are providing parent information)
- Records of veterans benefits, for yourself (and for your parents if you are providing parent information);
- Information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for yourself (and for your parents if you are providing parent information)

Dependency Status

- If any of the following criteria applies, the student is considered independent:
 - ✓ **24 years or older**
 - ✓ **Married**
 - ✓ **Master's or Doctorate Program**
 - ✓ **Children and you provide ½ support**
 - ✓ **In foster care since turning 13, or ward of the court**
 - ✓ **Emancipated minor or was in legal guardianship**
 - ✓ **Homeless**
 - ✓ **Serving Active Duty in U.S. Armed Force**

Which Parent(s) fill out FAFSA?

- If biological/adoptive parents married, report information for both parents
- If biological/adoptive parents are divorced or separated, provide information for parent that:
 - the student lived with the most in past year
 - or, if lived equal periods with each parent, parent who provided the most financial support in last year
 - parent, if remarried, include stepparent's information, even if stepparent did not adopt student

Unusual Circumstances

- **Professional Judgment**

- Personal injury
- Death
- Job loss
- High medical expenses
- Case-by-case basis
- Document

College Costs & Financial Need

Cost of Attendance

- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Board
- Books & Supplies
- Equipment & Transportation
- Miscellaneous Personal Expenses
- Child Care

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Parent Contribution} \\ + \text{Student Contribution} \\ \hline = \text{Expected Family} \\ \text{Contribution (EFC)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ - \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ \hline = \text{Financial Need} \end{array}$$

How Much Aid will I Receive?

Financial Need = \$13,000

Scholarships	\$2,000
Institutional Grant	\$2,000
Federal Grants	\$5,000
State Grants	\$2,000
Loans	\$2,000 - Unmet need
TOTAL =	\$13,000

What To Expect After Applying

• High Level Overview

Student/
parent(s)
completes
the FAFSA
and signs
with FSA
PIN(s).

FAFSA is
processed
by FSA;
Student
receives a
SAR;
College
receives
information
if listed on
the FAFSA.

College
reviews info
and
assembles
award letter
for the
student.

Student
reviews award
package;
compares to
other award
letters;
student
determines
which college
to attend.

Some
applications are
selected for
verification.

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documentation if
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Contact information for postsecondary institutions.

Technical references available for download.

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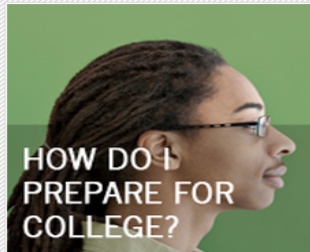
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Avoid default! Keep track of all of your federal student loans from the U.S. Department of Education here [_nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/](http://nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/)
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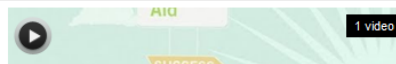
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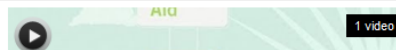
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