

# Filing the FAFSA

Financial aid for college starts with the FAFSA

Completing and submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the single most important thing you can do to get financial aid for college.

## What do you need?

If you're a dependent student, you'll need this information for you and your parents

- ✓ Social Security number
- ✓ Alien Registration number (if you aren't a U.S. citizen)
- ✓ Federal income tax return, W-2s, and other records of money earned; you may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.
- ✓ Bank statements and investment records (if applicable)
- ✓ Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- ✓ You will need an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID to sign the form electronically. You can get your FSA ID here: [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)



If your financial aid status has changed, please complete and submit the FAFSA using the required tax year as directed, then follow up with your school's financial aid office for further advice.



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Submit the FAFSA at  
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## Submission time frames and tax information\*

College academic year  
**Fall 2021 – Spring 2022**

Submit your FAFSA beginning  
**October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022**

You can use your tax info from **2019**

College academic year  
**Fall 2022 – Spring 2023**

Submit your FAFSA beginning  
**October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023**

You can use your tax info from **2020**

College academic year  
**Fall 2023 – Spring 2024**

Submit your FAFSA beginning  
**October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024**

Use your tax info from **2021**



The FAFSA must be filed every year a student is in school

\*Source: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>. FAFSA application submission time frames and required tax information are projected based on information provided in the September 14, 2015 IFAP FAFSA filing date change announcement (also referenced as the Dear Colleague letter). Please check StudentAid.Ed.Gov/Sa/FAFSA prior to each academic year for the most up-to-date FAFSA information.