

# Filing the FAFSA®

## Financial aid 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.

### What do you need?

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

- ✓ You will need an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID to sign the form electronically. **You can get your your FSA ID at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)**
- ✓ Your Social Security number
- ✓ Your W-2 tax documents
- ✓ Your parents' Social Security numbers
- ✓ Your parents' tax documents

Independent students and graduate students will need their own tax documents.



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.



To be eligible for federal financial aid, you must file the FAFSA® for each year you'll be in school.



Don't miss out on financial aid. File in only 7 minutes at [salliemae.com/gofafsa](https://salliemae.com/gofafsa)

### Submission time frames and tax information\*

Academic year  
**2022 – 2023**

Submit your FAFSA® beginning **October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023**  
You can use your tax info from **2020\***

Academic year  
**2023 – 2024**

Submit your FAFSA® beginning **October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024**  
You can use your tax info from **2021\***

\*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 <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> prior to each academic year for the most up-to-date FAFSA information.

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