



Financial Aid 101: 8 Steps to Completing the FAFSA

1) Create your **FSA IDs**...

- Student and parent need their own FSA IDs (*this ID is used every year*).
- Only one FSA ID per email address allowed.
- Parents with more than one college student may use the same FSA ID on multiple FAFSAs.
- To prevent FAFSA filing delays, keep track of both IDs to prevent mix-ups.

2) Start your **FAFSA**...

- For students attending school next fall, pick the 2022-2023 FAFSA option.
- For subsequent years, selecting “renewal” FAFSA saves time as it preloads previous demographic information.
- Create a save key – this is a temporary password that changes every year.

3) Complete **student demographics**...name, birthdate, address

- Information must match IRS and Social Security Records

4) Select schools...10 school limit*

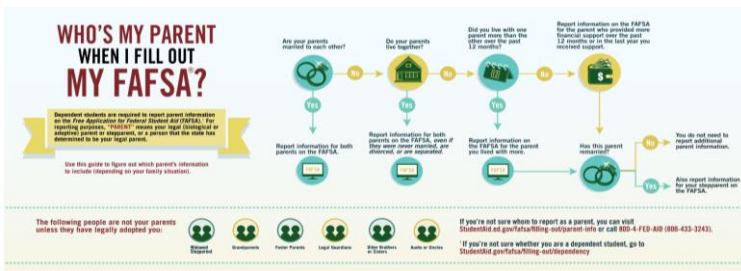
- Students may list schools that they have applied to as well as schools they have been accepted at.
- This list should be reviewed periodically to ensure it reflects the students current application status.

*Schools can be “swapped out” to increase the total number above 10 through this process

5) **Dependency status**...determines need for parent information

- Dependent students are under 24, unmarried, **NOT** orphans, in the military and/or supporting a child.
- Students who are homeless and/or physically and financially estranged from their families may request a dependency review by the Financial Aid office at the schools they hope to attend.

6) **Parent demographics**...who needs to be included on your FAFSA?



7) 2020 tax information and the **Data Retrieval Tool** makes filling easier for Single/Head of Household and Married Filing Jointly households.



- Parent's using Married Filing Separately or Head of Household will have to enter tax return information.

8) To **Sign and Submit your FAFSA**...

- Use your FSA IDs for fastest processing

- Watch Parent # match (FSAID name match to #) when signing with FSA ID
- If you get “FSA ID doesn't match” error message, you can print signature page and submit via “Other” options.

Important information for college applications:

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School Information:

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FAFSA Facts & Tips:

- Read the directions...if the question remains unclear click on the help link.
- Income questions...are based on 2020 federal income tax returns – parent(s) and student. (The IRS Retrieval Tool will populate these fields.)
- No blanks...enter “0” or not applicable.
- No commas or decimals...whole numbers only.
- No nicknames...FAFSA name, address and social security information must match IRS forms.
- Parent #1...is biological or adoptive parent student lives with 51% or more of the time.
- Parent #2...is parent #1's spouse.
- Students living with both biological or adoptive parents...decide who parent #1 is in advance and be consistent.
- Questions about students living with [unmarried parents](#), a [stepparent](#), or in a [foster care/non-custodial adult](#) situation.
- Not living at home and other independent student question...click [here](#) to learn more.
- Asset questions...are as of the FAFSA application date (not 2020 figures).
- Exclude...the value of primary residence and all retirement accounts (IRA, 401K, 403B, etc.) from the asset questions.
- DACA students...apply for financial aid via the Minnesota Dream Act not FAFSA. See Ms. Green for more details. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- Undocumented parents...use 000-00-0000 in the social security field. (*Caution: It is unclear whether FAFSA information can be shared with I.C.E.*)
- Male designation on birth certificate...means student must complete their Selective Service registration to be considered for federal student aid.
- Review the [Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)...once your FAFSA is submitted for important next steps!



SCHOLARSHIP

Opportunities.... See websites for additional details

November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Prudential Spirit Award
\$5000
Volunteer service

APIA Scholarship
\$2500+
Low Income, Asian/Pacific Islander

Swope, Rodante Scholarship
\$2500
Disability Focus

Elks National Foundation Scholarships
\$4,000-\$50,000
Most Valuable Student

James Alan Cox Foundation
\$2500
Photojournalism

Service Scope
\$1000
Essay

Dr Juan Andrade
\$1000
Young Hispanic Leaders

Bachus & Schanker
\$2000
Essay

AED Superstore
\$1000
Essay on cardiac arrest

Auger & Auger
\$1000
Disability

Upcoming scholarships...

- [Dell Scholars](#)
\$20,000
College Possible
12/1/21 deadline.
- [Innovation Scholarship](#)
\$1000
Community Service Essay
12/1/21 deadline.
- [Lamber-Goodnow](#)
\$1000
Innovation Essay
12/1/21 deadline.
- [Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship](#)
\$5,000
Demonstrated Commitment
12/5/21 deadline.
- [Wellroot Family Services Scholarship](#)
\$1000-4000
12/13/21 deadline
- [Equitable Excellence Scholarship](#)
\$2500 to \$25,000
12/16/21 deadline.
- [Burger King Scholars Program](#)
\$Varies
2.5 GPA
12/15/21 deadline.

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The [Minnesota State grant](#) is income based. The qualification process begins with the student/parents submitting their FAFSA. Grant amounts vary based on cost of attendance and student needs...

Average Combined Federal Pell and Minnesota State Grant Award Received by State Grant Recipients, Fiscal Year 2020

