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<u>**Helpful FAFSA Links and Additional Information**</u>

<u>Informational FAFSA videos from Federal Student Aid</u>

- **FAFSA overview:** A video from Federal Student Aid offering an overview of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-23SMf5DyQ
- **Overview of the Financial Aid Process:** A video from Federal Student Aid detailing the financial aid process
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbJ55UWMEFE
- **How to fill out the FAFSA:** A video from Federal Student Aid detailing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and what you will need to complete the FAFSA
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRyXfUStHO0
- **Myths about the FAFSA:** A video from Federal Student Aid debunking myths about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8JuaYVJ_LE
- **Types of Federal Student Aid:** A video from Federal Student Aid explaining the different types of financial aid
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn4OECMTh5w
- **Determining Your Dependency Status:** A video from Federal Student Aid explaining who is considered a dependent student.
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEbxaRjlLus
- **You've filled out the FAFSA, now what?** A video from Federal Student Aid explaining what happens after you've completed the FAFSA.
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQxorQ9s_pY
- **Responsible Borrowing:** A video from Federal Student Aid encouraging responsible borrowing
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTHtn0FRMWw
- **How to Repay Your Federal Student Loans:** A video from Federal Student Aid outlining student loan repayment options
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flG4gFIiZzU
- **Repayment, What to Expect**: A video from Federal Student Aid detailing the federal student loan repayment process
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJHySMdXjxE
- **El video a completar la FAFSA en Espanol**
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bszNJeYXwk

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The FSA ID

The **FSA ID** has replaced the student and parent **PIN** numbers that were previously required to sign the FAFSA. Students, parents, and borrowers are required to use an *FSA ID*, made up of a username and password, to access certain U.S. Department of Education websites, including your submitted FAFSA. Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your *federal student aid* documents.

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid

The FAFSA in a Foreign Language

- Tagolog: http://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/0/OTHER/Pubs/FAFSA_Tagalog.pdf
- Russian: http://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/0/OTHER/Pubs/FAFSA_Russian.pdf
- Spanish: https://fafsa.ed.gov/es_ES/index.htm

Financial Aid Checklist:

A suggested financial aid timeline for high school students and families

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-101/financial-aid-checklist?affiliateId=cbhomehero&bannerId=finaidchecklist-Slot1

Am I a Dependent or Independent Student?

All students who fill out a FAFSA have to declare themselves "dependent" or "independent" students. Here is additional information on how student dependency status is calculated

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/dependency#dependent-or-independent

EFC: Expected Family Contribution

What is the EFC and how is it calculated? The expected family contribution, or EFC, is what the federal government **estimates** your family can pay for college. This is the number that's used to determine your eligibility for certain types of federal student aid.

http://ifap.ed.gov/efcformulaguide/attachments/090214EFCFormulaGuide1516.pdf

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool: Importing taxes Into the FAFSA

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If you completed and submitted your previous year's taxes at least three weeks prior to filling out your FAFSA, you may want to consider using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT). This tool will link your IRS information to your FAFSA, auto-populating necessary income information into your FAFSA application.

> **https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out#irs-drt**
> **https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/transfer-tax-info-to-fafsa.png**

Eligibility Criteria for Federal Student Aid

Basic eligibility information for students seeking federal student aid
> **https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/basic-criteria**

Filling Out the FAFSA as an Undocumented Student

If you are an undocumented student, check this link for FAFSA filing options.
> **https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf**

Filling Out the FAFSA with a Conviction or Juvenile Record?

Certain convictions may affect your eligibility for federal student aid.
> **https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/criminal-convictions**

Information for international students wanting to study in the United States

If you are a foreign student wanting to attend college in the United States
> **https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/international-students.pdf**

Education Vouchers and Information for Youth in Foster Care

If you are currently in foster care, you may be eligible for additional financial aid support.

> **https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/foster-youth-vouchers.pdf**

The Financial Aid Toolkit:

The Financial Aid Toolkit provides federal student aid information and outreach tools for counselors, college access professionals, nonprofit mentors, and others. Use the search tools to locate specific information.

> **https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/resources/federal-student-aid-resources-for-fafsa.pdf**

The CSS Profile (NOT required by all colleges and universities)

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Some institutions require an additional financial aid application, known as the CSS Profile. The CSS Profile is a one-form application for nonfederal financial aid and scholarship programs.

- List of institutions that require students complete a CSS Profile
  https://profileonline.collegeboard.org/prf/PXRemotePartInstitutionServlet/PXRemotePartInstitutionServlet.srv
- How to complete the CSS Financial Aid Profile
  https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-101/how-to-complete-the-css-financial-aid-profile
- Video detailing how to complete the CSS Financial Aid Profile
  http://css.collegeboard.org/

College Affordability and Transparency Center

The College Affordability and Transparency Center includes information for students, parents, and policymakers about college costs at America's colleges and universities.
  http://collegecost.ed.gov/catc/#

Comparing Costs of Colleges

After you complete the FAFSA and receive financial aid offers from your school(s) of choice, this tool can help you estimate costs of each school, and compare aid offers to see which school offers the best financial aid package.
  https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-calculator

Be Aware of Potential Scams

Before applying for financial aid, learn how to spot potential fraud, avoid paying for free services, and prevent identity theft.
  https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams

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