

FAFSA TIPS

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form students and families complete each year to determine eligibility for federal, state, and institutional financial aid. Complete your FAFSA to receive your complete financial aid package from the college. This guide will ensure you have everything you need to complete your application.

1 Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

Before you start your FAFSA, you and your contributor(s) will all need to create a FSA ID to open an account. You will use this ID for all information related to your FAFSA and Federal Aid.

You'll need the following information for yourself and your contributors:

- ✓ Legal name
- ✓ Date of birth
- ✓ Email address
- ✓ Social Security number (if you have one)

2 Who Has to Help Complete Your FAFSA:

An important new term in this updated version of the FAFSA is "Contributor." A Contributor is anyone who is required to provide information on your FAFSA, and that means they will need to create their own FSA ID.

Who's considered a Contributor:

- ➔ Your spouse.
- ➔ If your parents are married and filed joint 2024 tax returns: Only one parent needs to complete the FAFSA as a Contributor.
- ➔ If your parents are married, but filed separate 2024 tax returns: Each parent is a Contributor and must complete
- ➔ If your parent is remarried: Your stepparent is considered a Contributor and must complete their section of the FAFSA.
- ➔ If your parents are divorced, separated, or never married: The parent who provides the most financial support should complete the FAFSA as a Contributor.

3 Consenting to the direct transfer of tax information from the IRS:

You and all Contributors included on the FAFSA must consent to allowing the direct transfer of Federal Tax Information (FTI) from the IRS into the FAFSA form for you to have a complete FAFSA and be eligible for funding.

4 Add our School Code: 002810

To ensure we receive your FAFSA information, please add our school code (002810) to your application.

5 Review your FAFSA Submission Summary

You'll be able to view your FAFSA Submission Summary within 1-3 business days after filing. It shows the information you reported, your Student Aid Index (SAI), and your eligibility for federal aid. Log in to StudentAid.gov to view it.



Live in New York state?

Complete your Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application to receive the New York State TAP grant.

- Tap School Code: 0675
- More information:
<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/>



Don't forget, a new FAFSA is required for every academic year you are enrolled in school.

