



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Free money! It's in the name!

The first step to applying for financial aid for your education is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The application is free, and anyone can apply regardless of age, race or citizenship status. The FAFSA awards federal money to students to attend higher education institutions such as universities, trade schools and community colleges.

Federal financial aid may be in the form of grants, loans, and work-study programs. You may receive more than \$5,000 per year toward your education! Families with an annual income of \$30,000 or less who receive WIC, free or reduced lunch at school, SS, TANF or Food Stamps automatically qualify for the full Pell Grant of \$5,350.

A critical part of the FAFSA application process is to file your taxes; or if you are a dependent, your parent or guardian's taxes. The Community Tax Centers provide IRS-certified tax preparation for free. Learn about our [free tax services](#).

Before you begin filling out the FAFSA application, learn what [information](#) you will need.

[Complete the FAFSA](#)

Be sure to complete your FAFSA as soon as you file your taxes, because some grants are first come, first serve!

Questions? Don't hesitate to call or email!

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