

## Why complete FAFSA?

Completing and submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the single most important thing you can do to get assistance paying for college.

The U.S. Department of Education uses the FAFSA to determine students' eligibility for federal student aid. Every year, the federal government awards about \$150 billion in the form of grants, work-study funds, and low-interest loans to help millions of students pay for college.

## Are there deadlines to complete FAFSA?

Yes, to be considered for the best package, complete by November. **FAFSA applications are available starting October 1st, 2019.**

- Please note: Each college/university may have their own required forms or specified deadlines. It is advised that you check the Web site of each college/university for this information.

## How do I apply for State (TAP) Aid?

The easiest way to apply for TAP is through FAFSA. There is a link for NYS residents attending NYS colleges directly from FAFSA submission confirmation page.

## How do I apply for Excelsior Scholarship?

Last year, applications were available between June 1st and July 31st. Dates have not been published for the 2019-2020 school year.

Check <https://www.hesc.ny.gov> for updates.

## Help is available

### Free Financial Aid Clinics:

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

<https://suny.edu/attend/events/index.cfm>  
(click on SUNY Financial Aid Days)

### Local college Financial Aid Offices can answer general FAFSA questions:

- Monroe Community College: 292-2050
- St. John Fisher College: 385-8042
- University of Rochester: 275-3226
- Rochester Institute of Technology: 475-2186
- IHS College and Career Center: 336-2935



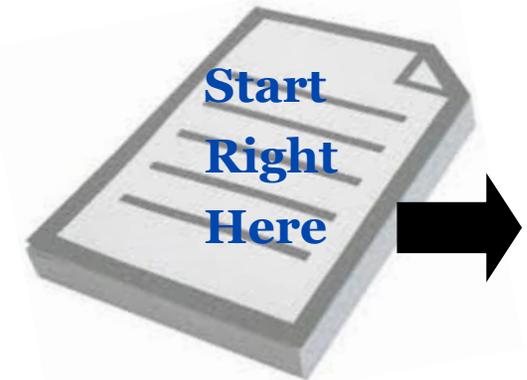
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# College Financial Aid

## A Quick Guide to FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid



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## What do I need before I start?

Information and documents you should have with you as you complete the FAFSA:

- Student's social security number
- Parent's social security numbers
- Parent's dates of birth
- Student's driver's license number
- Copy of student's and parents' most recent Federal Income Tax return
  - If not yet filed, use last pay stub for every job held
- Record of student's untaxed income from the following sources of income:
  - Child support payments in the student's name
  - Interest income
  - Veterans' non-education benefits
  - Social Security benefits in students name
- Record of parents' untaxed income from the following sources of income:
  - Child support
  - Interest income
  - Veterans non-education benefits
  - Workers compensation
  - Disability benefits
  - Social Security benefits

**Special Note:** *FAFSA on the web worksheet is a helpful tool for individual's who work best with a visual. It is available on-line at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/help/ffdef44.htm> or at IHS College and Career Center.*

### What is a FSA ID?

A FSA ID is a username and password that you must use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID identifies you as someone who has the right to access your own personal information on *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*. Both parent and student need their own FSA ID.

### What happened to the Federal Student Aid PIN?

The FSA ID replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN on May 10, 2015. If you haven't logged in to a Federal Student Aid site (such as [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) or [StudentLoans.gov](http://StudentLoans.gov)) since May 10, you will need to create a FSA ID before you can log on in the future.

**If you already have a PIN,** you can link your information to your new FSA ID by entering your PIN while registering for your FSA ID. (This will save you time when registering for your FSA ID.) If you've forgotten your PIN, don't worry; you can either enter the answer to your PIN "challenge question" during the FSA ID registration process to link your PIN, or you can create your FSA ID from scratch.

**A PIN is not required to create a FSA ID.**

You can apply for a FSA ID using the website below:  
<http://fsaid.ed.gov/npas.index.htm>

## After submitting the FAFSA, what's next?

- 1 You will receive the SAR (Student Aid Report).
- 2 You must review it to make sure it is correct and complete. Once you verify the SAR the FAFSA information is shared with colleges you listed on the application.
- 3 Each college uses the information to determine the Financial Aid package. Once a student has been accepted to a college, a financial aid award letter is generated.

