

The FAFSA & Federal Student Aid

Information Session

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What is the FAFSA?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Students must submit the FAFSA application in order to be considered to receive federal student aid.
- The FAFSA application needs to be submitted each year that a student plans to enroll in a college/university.
- Not all students will qualify for federal financial aid or to fill out the FAFSA.
- All students who can, should submit the FAFSA even if they believe they are not eligible for federal student aid. Colleges and universities use the information provided on the FAFSA to determine how much financial aid they may be able to award a student.
- If you, the student, are an independent student, have been homeless or been at risk of homelessness, or do not have a social security number, please reach out to the Financial Aid office of your school of choice (current or potential).

Federal Student Aid

We will review the various forms of Federal Student Aid. It is important to understand the different types of aid so that you understand what you might be eligible for by completing the FAFSA.

Eligibility Criteria for Federal Student Aid

To be eligible for Federal Student Aid, a student must meet **all** the following criteria:

Financial Need

**US Citizen or
Eligible Non-
Citizen**

**Social Security
Number**

**Males 18-25 years
old must register
with Selective
Service**

**Enrolled/Accepted
in an eligible
Degree Program at
a College**

**Enrolled at least
half-time**

**Maintain
Satisfactory
Academic Progress**

There are more eligibility requirements and FAQs about eligibility at

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements>

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility>

Types of Federal Student Aid

Grants

Money awarded to students that is free from the federal government. Typically disbursed at the beginning of school terms.

Loans

Money awarded to students that must be repaid with interest to the federal government. Typically disbursed at beginning of school terms.

Work-Study

Money awarded to students via paychecks over time as students work work-study jobs on or off campus.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types>

Federal Student Aid: Grants

There are two types of Federal Student Aid Grants. The Federal Pell Grant and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG). Both are for students who demonstrate significant financial need.

Federal Pell Grant

- Free money awarded by the federal government to undergraduate students who demonstrate significant financial need in their FAFSA application.
- The maximum amount awarded for the 2020-2021 school year is \$6,345.
- Students can receive different amounts for the Pell Grant. The amount awarded depends on the student's Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), the cost of attendance of the school (COA), if you are full time or part time student, and your plans to attend school for the full year or less.

For more information: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

- This grant is provided through financial aid offices of participating schools. Not all schools offer this grant.
- Financial Aid offices award the FSEOG to students with the most financial need.
- Students are only eligible for this grant if they submit the FAFSA.
- This grant is between \$100-\$4,000 a year. This amount depends on how much financial need the student has, when the student submits their FAFSA, how much other financial aid the student has received, and the amount of funds available through the school.
- Submit your FAFSA early for better chances to receive grants.

For more information: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/fseog>

Federal Student Aid: Loans

There are three types of Federal Student Loans: Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, and Direct Plus. Federal student loans usually offer lower interest rates and have more flexible repayment terms and options than private student loans.

Federal Student Loans

Direct Subsidized Loans

Program Details:

- Undergraduate students with financial need
- Interest Rate: 2.75%
- Interest on Loan: Not charged while student is enrolled in an eligible degree program at least half-time
- Lender: US Department of Education

Annual Award (subject to change)

- Up to \$5,500 depending on grade level and dependency status

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/federal-loan-programs.pdf>

Federal Student Loans

Direct Unsubsidized Loans

Program Details:

- Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional Degree students. Financial need is not required.
- Interest Rate: 2.75%
- Interest on Loan: Student is responsible for paying interest during all periods. Payment can be deferred.
- Lender: US Department of Education

Annual Award (subject to change)

- Up to \$7000 for an undergraduate student and \$20,500 for a graduate student (minus any subsidized amounts for the same period) depending on grade level and dependency status.

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/federal-loan-programs.pdf>

Federal Student Loans

Subsidized

Loan Eligibility:

- Undergraduate student
- Demonstrates financial need

Loan Interest:

- The US Department of Education pays the interest on the loan
 - While student is in school
 - During Grace and Deferment Periods

Unsubsidized

Loan Eligibility:

- Undergraduate, Graduate, or Professional Degree program student

Loan Interest:

- The Student pays the interest
- If student elects a deferment period or grace period the interest will accumulate

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

Federal Student Loans

Direct PLUS Loans

Program Details:

- For parents who are borrowing money to pay for their dependent undergraduate student's education. Financial need is not required. A credit check is required.
- Interest Rate: 5.30%
- Lender: US Department of Education

Annual Award (subject to change)

- Maximum amount is the cost of attendance determined by the school (minus any other financial aid)

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/federal-loan-programs.pdf>

Federal Student Aid: Work Study

Federal Work Study

- Through Federal Work-Study programs students with financial need can earn money while working part-time on or off campus while in school to help pay education expenses.
- Students can be either full-time or part-time in attendance while being employed.
- Schools can participate in the Federal Work Study Program which funds the payment of students who are eligible for Work Study.
- Students receive an actual paycheck that they can use to pay bills, tuition, food, housing, etc.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/work-study>

The FAFSA

Now we will review some information to know before you begin the FAFSA application.

Important Dates & Deadlines

The FAFSA opens on October 1st each year.

- Students need to complete a new FAFSA each year they intend to enroll in a college/university after they graduate from high school.
- As a high school senior, you will be completing the FAFSA application for 2021-2022 (your first year of college/university)

2020-2021 Academic Year FAFSA forms must be submitted by 11:59pm Central Time on June 30th 2021.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

FAFSA Application Deadlines

- 2020-2021 Academic Year FAFSA forms must be submitted by **11:59pm Central Time on June 30th 2021**.
 - Any corrections or updates must be submitted by 11:59pm Central Time on September 11th 2021.
 - 11:59pm Central Time is 9:59pm Pacific Time (Seattle's time zone).
- **Colleges may have their own deadlines** so be sure to check with each school that you are applying to.
- It is important to **submit the FAFSA as soon as possible** in order to receive the most funding possible. Funding is limited so if you wait to complete the FAFSA you may not be able to receive certain funding.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/fafsa-deadlines>

Where to fill out your FAFSA

Three ways to fill out the FAFSA:

1. Online at fafsa.gov (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>)
2. Fill out the form in the myStudentAid mobile app
3. Complete a 2020-21 FAFSA PDF and then print it and mail it in for processing (not typically suggested)

We will be reviewing how to fill out the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov

Create your Account (FSA ID)

What is the FSA ID

Parent/guardian FSA ID

Social Security number required for FSA ID

FSA ID

- Your FSA ID is your username and password that is unique to you, the student.
- You will use your FSA ID to sign your FAFSA electronically. Your FSA ID is your legal signature and should only be created by and used by you, the student.
- Your FSA ID remains the same for every FAFSA that you submit. Save your FSA ID in a reliable place so that you can find it each year you go to do the FAFSA.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>

Parent/Guardian FSA ID

- If you are a dependent student and will need to provide your parent/guardian information on your FAFSA.
- Your parent/guardian needs to create their own unique FSA ID.
- **Dependent students and their parent/guardian(s) need to create separate FSA ID's because:**
 - Only one social security number can be assigned to one FSA ID
 - To electronically sign and submit the FAFSA, students and parent/guardian(s) need their own FSA IDs.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>

Social Security Number required for FSA ID

- **A Social Security number is required to create an FSA ID.**
- If your **parent** does not have a Social Security number then you will need to select the option to print a signature page when you get to the end of your FAFSA form on fafsa.gov
- If you, **the student**, do not have a Social Security number you cannot fill out the FAFSA.
 - You should fill out the WAFSA. Contact the BC Financial Services office for more information. If this applies to you please visit the <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/fa/> for WAFSA support

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>

Creating your FSA ID

Go to <https://studentaid.gov/> and click *Create Account*

To create an account (FSA ID) you need:

- 1. Social Security Number**
- 2. Mobile Phone Number or Email address**

- Use a personal email address. Do not use your high school or Bellevue College email address.

Create an Account (FSA ID)



Parents



Students



Borrowers

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to complete federal student aid tasks.

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form
- Signing your *Master Promissory Note (MPN)*
- Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- Using the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool*

Items Needed to Create an Account

- Social Security number
- Your own mobile phone number and/or email address

Get Started

or

Log In

Creating your FSA ID

Personal Information must match what is on your social security card.

- First Name
- Middle Initial
- Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number (SSN)

Once you confirm you have entered your information correctly, click continue.

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>

Create an Account (FSA ID)

Step 1 of 7

Personal Information

I understand that I'll be required to certify that the information I provide to create an account (FSA ID) is true and correct and that I'm the individual I claim to be.

If I'm not the person I claim to be, I understand that I'm not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I might be subject to a fine, prison time, or both.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

Social Security Number (SSN)

Note: A user can only have one account associated with his or her Social Security number.

Cancel

Continue

Creating your FSA ID

- After you have entered your Personal Information (and you have confirmed it matches what is on your Social Security Card) then you will be prompted to
 - Create a unique username and password.
 - Complete some challenge questions and answers so you can retrieve your account information if you forget it in the future.
- Save this information to a safe place where you can find it in the future.

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>

Financial Information on the FAFSA

Student Financial Information

Parent Financial Information

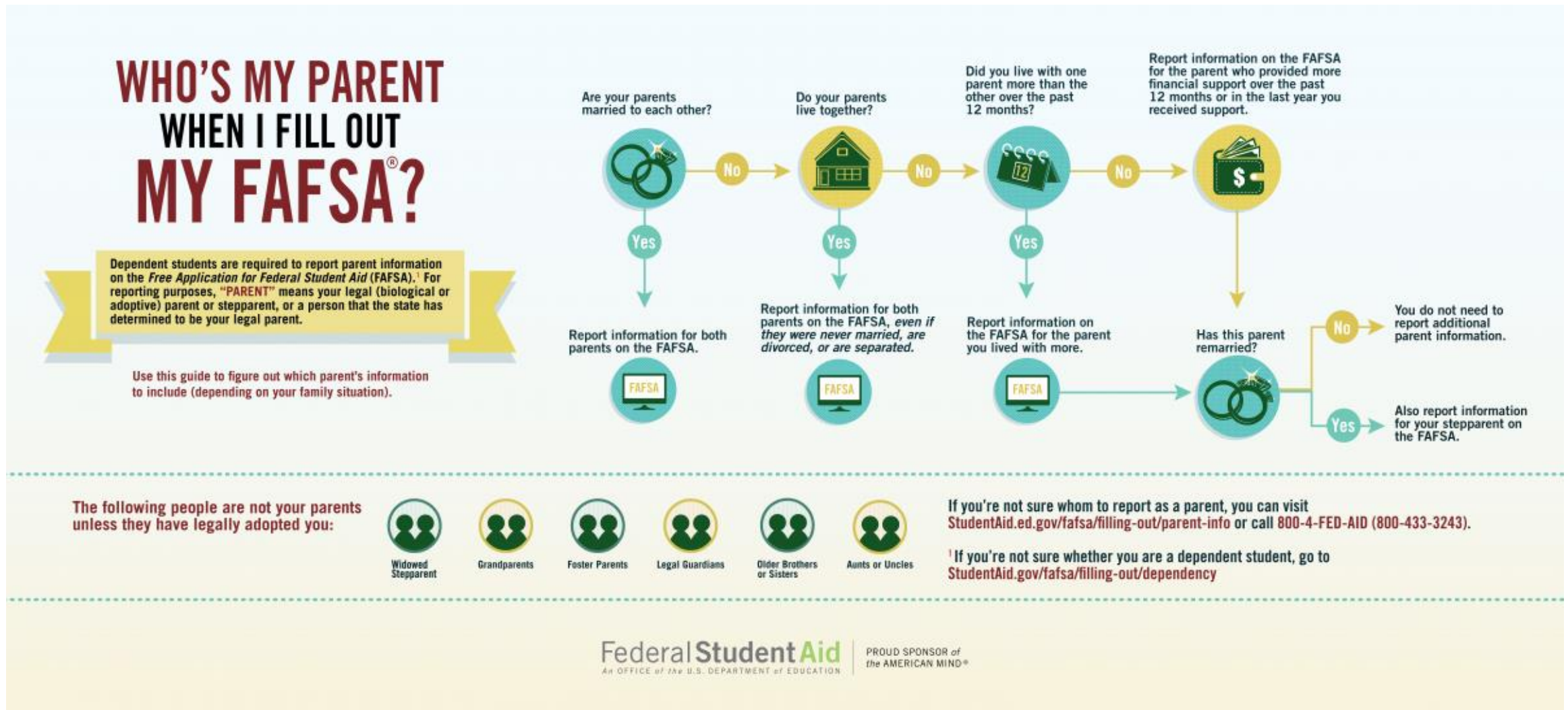
IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Student Financial Information

- On the FAFSA you will need to provide tax information for yourself and if you are a dependent student you will need to provide tax information for your parents/guardians.
- For the 2021-2022 FAFSA you need your 2019 tax information. Each FAFSA requires tax information from two years prior.
- If your family's financial situation has changed dramatically since you and/or your parents filed taxes, complete the FAFSA questions as required, submit the FAFSA form, then contact the school you plan to attend and discuss your situation with the financial aid office.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

Parent Information on the FAFSA



For more information visit: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info>

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Information from: <https://studentaid.gov/>

If your Parents Marital Status has Changed Since Taxes were filed

- The FAFSA form asks for marital status “as of today” (the day it’s filled out). So if the student or parent is married now but wasn’t in 2019 (and therefore didn’t file taxes as married), the spouse’s 2019 income will need to be added to the FAFSA form.
- If the student or parent filed 2019 taxes as married but is no longer married when filling out the FAFSA form, the spouse’s income will need to be subtracted.
- If the student or parent was married when filing 2019 taxes, then got divorced and is now married to someone else, there’s a bit more math to do: Subtract the ex’s income, then add the new spouse’s income.
- The FAFSA help text covers all these situations in more detail as you’re filling out the application.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)

- Eligible Students and Parents can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in the FAFSA to transfer your tax information into your FAFSA automatically.
- The IRS DRT takes you directly to the IRS website where you provide the same information you put on your tax return and choose to import your information into your FAFSA.
- If you choose not to use the IRS DRT or are not eligible to use it you will have to enter your tax return information manually onto your FAFSA.

For more information:

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

IRS DRT on the FAFSA

When entering Parent Information on the FAFSA this is the page where you will be able to select to use the IRS DRT to import your tax return information onto your FAFSA.

The IRS DRT will also be available in this same way when entering Student Financial Information.

The screenshot displays the 'Parent Tax Filing Status' section of the FAFSA application. At the top, a progress bar shows steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials (current), Student Financials, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. Below the progress bar, a green box states 'Application was successfully saved.' A blue information box follows, stating: 'Attention! You must provide financial information from your parents' 2019 tax return on the following pages.' Three dropdown menus are present: 'For 2019, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?' (set to 'Already completed'), 'What type of income tax return did your parents file for 2019?' (set to 'IRS 1040'), and 'For 2019, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?' (set to 'Married-Filed Joint Return'). A red rectangle highlights the 'IRS Data Retrieval Tool' section, which includes the text: 'Applying is faster and easier if your parents transfer their tax return information into this FAFSA with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)!'. Below this text is a button labeled 'LINK TO IRS'. At the bottom right of the form are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons. The footer contains the text: 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 27, 2020', 'Download Adobe Reader', and '©2010 fafsa.gov. All rights reserved.'

IRS DRT on the FAFSA

This page displays when the parent chooses not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) on the previous page.

An additional opportunity is presented to the parent to determine if they would like to link to the IRS for their financial information or to continue to enter it manually.

Parent Eligible for IRS DRT

Student Demographics

School Selection

Dependency Status

Parent Demographics

Parent Financials

Student Financials

Sign & Submit

Confirmation

✓

✓

✓

✓

PARENT INFORMATION

Applying is faster and easier with the IRS DRT!

Based on your responses, we recommend that you, the mother, transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA. The [IRS Data Retrieval Tool \(IRS DRT\)](#) allows users to link to the IRS Web site and securely transfer original IRS tax return information into their FAFSA.

For your protection, your tax return information will not display on the IRS Web site or on the FAFSA.

If you use the IRS DRT, you may not have to provide additional IRS documentation later to qualify for federal student aid.

LINK TO IRS ↔

[No Thanks](#)

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Final Steps

Signing & Submitting
Student Aid Report

Signing & Submitting the FAFSA

- The last step on the FAFSA, before it can be processed, you need to sign and submit the application.
- You will sign your FAFSA with your FSA ID
- If you provided your parent's information on the FAFSA they will also be required to sign the form with their FSA ID.
- If your parent was not able to create an FSA ID there is an option to print out, sign, and mail in a signature form to the address listed on the form. For more information visit: <https://studentaid.gov/help/signing-without-fsa-id>

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

Student Aid Report

- After you have submitted your FAFSA you will have access to your Student Aid Report.
- The Student Aid Report indicates your eligibility for Federal Student Aid based on your information on your FAFSA and it includes all of your answers to all questions on your FAFSA. You can think of your Student Aid Report like a receipt of your FAFSA.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct>

Student Aid Report

- You can access your Student Aid Report once you reach this page here
- Click the link “View or Print your Student Aid Report (SAR)”

The screenshot shows the 'My FAFSA - 2021-2022' page. At the top, there's a header with the title. Below it, a 'STUDENT INFORMATION' tab is active. A welcome message 'Welcome, first last!' is displayed. Two tabs for '2021-2022' and '2020-2021' are visible. A central box states 'Current Application Status: Processed Successfully' with a congratulatory message. Below this, a 'What Happens Next' section lists three bullet points about school communication. A red rectangular box highlights the 'You can also:' section, which contains three links: 'View or Print your Student Aid Report (SAR)', 'Make FAFSA Corrections', and 'Create a shareable file with some of your student information using MyStudentData Download'. Below the red box is a 'Transaction History' section showing 'Original Application' with submission and processing dates. Further down is the 'FSA ID' section, including the ID number, last use date, and a link to 'User Account Management'. The footer contains site update information, a download link for Adobe Reader, and a copyright notice for 2010 fafsa.gov.

You can also:



- [View or Print your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)
- [Make FAFSA Corrections](#) to make a change, add a school, or transfer IRS data into your FAFSA
- [Create a shareable file with some of your student information using MyStudentData Download.](#)

Student Aid Report

- This is what your Student Aid Report will look like
- At the top in a smaller box you will find your
 - FAFSA Processed Date
 - Social Security Number last 4 digits
 - Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)
- The number listed next to EFC is the amount determined by your FAFSA that your family can contribute to the cost of your schooling. If there is an * next to it that means you have been selected for verification. This means you will need to provide more information to the schools you are applying to. Be sure to check all emails from your schools to find any information from them about verification processes.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct>

Processed Information

Federal Student Aid

FAFSA.gov

2021-2022 Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date: XXXXX/2020 LA 01

Processed Date: 01/01/2021

EFC: 25823 C

DRN: 0783

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> Comments About Your Information

Learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC).

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 25823. You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant but you may be eligible for other aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for other federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school.

We have forwarded your name to Selective Service for registration, as you requested.

There is a limit to the total amount of subsidized Federal student loans that you may receive. Visit <https://StudentAid.gov> and select Types of Aid Loans for more information.

Your school may request additional information to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

Contact the following agency(ies) regarding your defaulted or fraudulent federal student loan(s):

Oklahoma College Assistance Program, Collection Office, 1-800-331-2314 or 1-800-442-8642 (GA 740)

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, 1-800-233-0751 (GA 742)

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that one or more of your federal student loans have been discharged. If you have questions, contact the financial aid office at your school.

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates you have one or more student loans in an active bankruptcy status. Before you can receive additional federal student loans, you must contact the financial aid office at your school.

Based upon data provided by the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and your grade level, we have determined that you may have received a total amount of undergraduate student loans that exceeds the loan limits established for the federal loan programs.

Based upon data provided by the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and your grade level, we have determined that you may have received a total amount of student loans (graduate and undergraduate) that exceeds the loan limits established for the federal loan programs.

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page using your FSA ID. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online.


> FAFSA Data

Assumed fields, based on the data you entered, are marked with an "*" (asterisk) sign.

1. Student's Last Name:	LAST
2. Student's First Name:	FIRST
3. Student's Middle Initial:	
4. Student's Permanent Mailing Address:	123 OAKDALE BLVD
5. Student's Permanent City:	CORALVILLE
6. Student's Permanent State:	IA
7. Student's Permanent ZIP Code:	52317
8. Student's Social Security Number:	XXX-XX-2020
9. Student's Date of Birth:	06/06/2000
10. Student's Telephone Number:	(594) 594 5945
11. Student's Driver's License Number:	
12. Student's Driver's License State:	
13. Student's Email Address:	test1@yahoo.com
14. Student's Citizenship Status:	YES, I AM A U.S. CITIZEN (OR U.S. NATIONAL)
15. Student's Alien Registration Number:	
16. Student's Marital Status:	I AM SINGLE
17. Student's Marital Status Date:	
18. Student's State of Legal Residence:	IA
19. Was Student a Legal Resident Before January 1, 2006?	YES
20. Student's Legal Residence Date:	
21. Is the Student Male or Female?	MALE
22. Register Student With Selective Service System?	YES
23. Drug Conviction Affecting Eligibility?	ELIGIBLE FOR AID

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Information from: <https://studentaid.gov/>

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FAFSA Resources

Tips for Success

Getting Help on the FAFSA

Exceptions

Resources

Tips for Success

1. Read all the question and instructions carefully
2. Meet all the deadlines
3. Check your email! Including the spam folder. Read all emails from Federal Student Aid and the schools that you applied to.
4. Save your FSA ID information in a safe place that you will remember
5. Enter all information carefully and correctly to lower the chances of having to correct anything later.
6. For students to learn and grow as independent students we strongly recommend that they do their FAFSA application with support from their parents. We do not recommend that parents do the FAFSA for their student, without the student.

Getting Help on the FAFSA

- On the FAFSA there are blue and white question mark icons next to questions. You can click these icons to view a “tool tip” to help you understand how to answer the question.
- Visit the FAFSA FAQ page: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help>
- If you click “Contact Us” you can email in your question, or chat in English or Spanish with a live technical support staff (during business hours).
- If you need further assistance contact the financial aid office at the college or career school you plan to attend.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

Exceptions

If any of the following applies to you, please contact Financial Aid at BC or the Financial Aid Office of the school(s) you are applying to for assistance:

- **Independent Students**
- **Homeless or at risk for homelessness**
- **Students without a Social Security Number (WAFSA eligible)**

Resources

For more information and resources to help you please visit <https://www.studentaid.gov>

Specific webpages used for this presentation include:

- <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility>
- <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/fafsa-process.png>
- <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types>
- <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>
- <https://studentaid.gov/help/signing-without-fsa-id>
- <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>
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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION SESSION

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FAFSA & WASFA

Used by Financial Aid Office to calculate the student/family's ability to contribute to the cost of paying for higher education.

Based on prior-prior year income information

- Taxable income
- Untaxable income
- Assets

Based on current year educational and social information

- Age
- Marital Status
- Grade Level
- Program of Study (AA Transfer, Technical, BA)



FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Financial Need
- US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Social Security Number
- Males 18-25 registered with Selective Service
- Enrolled at least half-time
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress

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WASFA



Washington Application for State Financial Aid

- Washington states offers financial aid programs to students who cannot file a federal FAFSFA
- Defaulted loan
- Immigration students/undocumented
- Have met residency requirements
- For more information, definitions, and requirements, please visit the [Residency & Citizenship](#) page
- To determine your eligibility, complete the confidential [WASFA questionnaire](#)

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID



FAFSA

- Federal Grants
- Federal Loans
- Federal Work Study
- Scholarships

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/federal-loan-programs.pdf>

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

WASFA

- State Grants
- State Work Study
- Scholarships

<https://readysatgrad.wa.gov/#college/washington-state-financial-aid-programs>

WHEN TO APPLY AT BC?

Applications available October 1st of every year

BC Deadlines for 2020-21 (for attendance Summer 2020-Spring 2021):

- Summer 2020.....April 10, 2020
- Fall 2020.....May 15, 2020
- Winter 2021.....November 6, 2020
- Spring 2021.....February 12, 2020
- ***Other colleges may have different deadlines. Contact your school for details.***
- FAFSA must be completed by June 30, 2021 at 11:59PM EST

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

APPLY EARLY!!!! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!!! APPLY EARLY!!!!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR?



Applications available October 1st of every year

BC Deadlines for 2021-22 (for attendance Summer 2021-Spring 2022):

- Summer 2021.....March 12, 2021
- Fall 2021.....April 16, 2021
- Winter 2022.....October 15, 2021
- Spring 2022.....January 14, 2022
- ***Other colleges may have different deadlines. Contact your school for details.***
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HOW TO APPLY?

Citizens & Eligible Noncitizens

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [Bellevue College Application \(BC APP\)](#) – eliminated with 2021-22

Undocumented individuals and other select applicants

- [Washington Application for State Financial Aid \(WASFA\)](#)
- [Bellevue College Application \(BC APP\)](#) – eliminated with 2021-22

If you are unsure which application is right for you, visit <https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/WASFAelig> to help you determine between filling out a FAFSA or WASFA.



FSA ID

Federal Student Aid ID

- Username and password unique to you, the student
- Signs the FAFSA electronically
- Remains the same forever
- Dependent student (under the age of 24) will need to provide parent information on FAFSA
 - How to find out if you qualify as dependent or independent, can be found here
<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>
- Parent also needs to create their own username and password unique to them
- Parent's FSA ID also electronically signs the FAFSA as the parent

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>

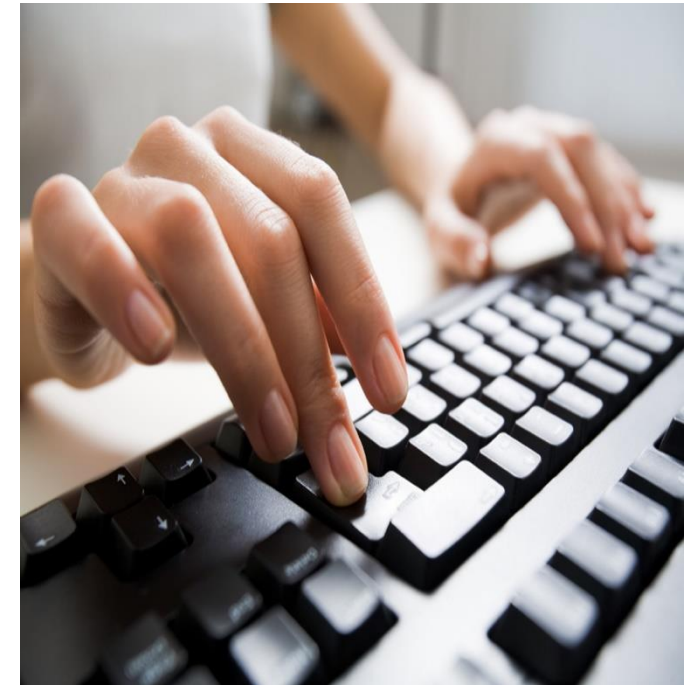


CREATING FSA ID

Go to <https://studentaid.gov/> and click *Create Account*

To create an account (FSA ID) you need:

1. **Social Security Number (SSN)**
 2. **Mobile Phone Number or Email address**
 3. **Personal information to match your Social Security Card**
 - a) **First Name**
 - b) **Middle Initial**
 - c) **Last Name**
 - d) **Date of Birth**
- Use a personal email address. Do not use your high school or Bellevue College email address.
 - This will be used as the final step in submitting your FAFSA to sign the application.
 - If you, **the student**, do not have a Social Security number you cannot fill out the FAFSA. You should fill out the WAFSA, which requires a login and password.

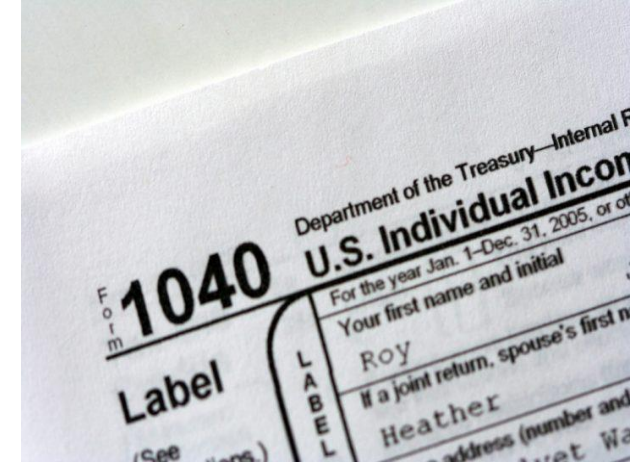


CHECKLIST



- Your social security card and driver's license, and/or alien registration card if you are not a US citizen
 - If a parent does not have a SSN, use all zeros for the FAFSA
 - For a student without a SSN, you are assigned an ID when completing the WASFA
- Your federal income taxes for prior-prior year, W-2s, and other records of money earned (The IRS Data Retrieval Tool can do all of this for you)
- Your parents' will need their income tax returns from prior-prior year, W-2s, and other records of money earned (IRS Data Retrieval Tool can also be used for your parent(s))
- Records of any other nontaxable income, such as veteran's benefits, money received or paid on your behalf, etc
- Current bank statements including investment records
- You and your parent's (if applicable) FSA ID for FAFSA or login for WASFA
- School code for all schools you are applying for

IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL (DRT)



- Eligible Students and Parents can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in the FAFSA to transfer your tax information into your FAFSA automatically.
- The IRS DRT takes you directly to the IRS website where you provide the same information you put on your tax return and choose to import your information into your FAFSA.
- If you choose not to use the IRS DRT or are not eligible to use it you will have to enter your tax return information manually onto your FAFSA.
- This process is the same for both students and parents.

For more information:

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

BC APPLICATION FOR 2020-21 ONLY!

Used by Financial Aid Office at Bellevue College to determine student's plans for the year, and additional information not made known on FAFSA

- Program of Study
- Loan Inquiry
- Anticipated Graduation
- Outside Funding Sources
- FERPA Permission

- Will be eliminated in 2021-22.
- Check with the school you plan to attend to see if they may have any specific institutional forms.



TIPS FOR SUCCESS



- Read all the question and instructions carefully
- Meet all the deadlines
- Check your email! Including the spam folder. Read all emails from Federal Student Aid and the schools that you applied to.
- Save your FSA ID information in a safe place that you will remember
- Enter all information carefully and correctly to lower the chances of having to correct anything later.
- For students to learn and grow as independent students we strongly recommend that they do their FAFSA application with support from their parents. We do not recommend that parents do the FAFSA for their student, without the student.
- Check your SAR (Student Aid Report) that is emailed to you and pay attention to things it may be asking of you to provide to your financial aid office, such as citizenship confirmation, Selective Service registration, and verification.
- If you have special circumstances that prevent you from completing the FAFSA, do not hesitate to contact the Financial Aid office at the school you plan to attend.

NEED MORE HELP?



- On the FAFSA there are blue and white question mark icons next to questions. You can click these icons to view a “tool tip” to help you understand how to answer the question.
- Visit the FAFSA FAQ page: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help>
 - If you click “Contact Us” you can email in your question, or chat in English or Spanish with a live technical support staff (during business hours).
- If you need further assistance contact the financial aid office at the college or career school you plan to attend.
- For those completing a WASFA Application, instructions are provided at this site: https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2019_wasfa_updated_instructions.pdf
- If you are a Bellevue College student, you can submit a ticket for more assistance at www.bellevuecollege.edu/sc-requests and choose Financial Aid

I COMPLETED THE APPLICATIONS...NOW WHAT?

- Check your financial aid portal
- Awarding is done on “first come, first serve” basis
- Important to meet deadlines listed
- Missing Information
 - Submit documents asap for file review date – file complete
 - File review date by deadline – held in classes
- Offer Letter
- Disbursement
- Bank/Mobile (3rd party servicer with several disbursement options)



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QUESTIONS?

