



# Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

## 1. What Is The FAFSA?

- The Office of Federal Student Aid (OFSA) uses the information reported on the FAFSA to determine qualifications for grants, loans, and work-study programs for students attending colleges, universities, and/or career schools.
- States and post-secondary institutions use information reported on the FAFSA to award scholarships.
- FAFSA completion leads to a Student Aid Report (SAR), which lists the "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC). The EFC is the financial amount a student/family should be able to provide toward the student's cost of education.
- Questions/Concerns about your projected EFC should be directed to the Financial Aid Office of your post-secondary institution.
- Federal financial aid is issued directly to the post-secondary institution on your behalf.
- FAFSA filing options and additional information can be accessed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## 2. How Do I Complete The FAFSA?

- Complete the Electronic or Paper FAFSA as soon as you can after 1 January for next school year.
  - Electronic filing/online access requires a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID.
  - To request/reset your ID, visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid)
- Information you will need to help you complete the FAFSA:
  - Tax Return, W-2's, bank statements, investment records
  - Financial information may be needed from parent(s)
  - Federal School Codes for Colleges you may attend (available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
- Submit a FAFSA by the deadline (Federal Deadline is 30 June; State Deadlines vary).
- For assistance, go to [www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources) or call 1-800-433-3243.

### *For More Information:*

- ❖ Visit the FAFSA Web Site: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ❖ Visit us On-Line: [www.nationalguard.com/education](http://www.nationalguard.com/education)
- ❖ Contact your State Education Office:
  - Available at [www.nationalguard.com/contacts/eso](http://www.nationalguard.com/contacts/eso)



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