

# FAFSA

FREE APPLICATION  
FOR FEDERAL  
STUDENT AID

# Reminders

Visit [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) today!



**THE FAFSA IS ALWAYS FREE!** If you are asked to pay to file the FAFSA, you are not on the official government website, [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).



Complete the **CORRECT FAFSA form**. Current high school seniors: you will complete the next year's FAFSA form. Not sure? Ask!



Keep your and your parents' **Personal Identification Numbers (PINs)** confidential and in a safe place. You will use this PIN each year that you complete a FAFSA and apply for financial aid. If you are a dependent student, a parent must also get a PIN and provide information on the FAFSA.



On the FAFSA, list the schools you are most interested in attending and from which you wish to receive financial aid, even if you have not yet been accepted. To add or delete schools, log on to [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 800.4.FED.AID (800.433.3243) / TTY (Hearing Impaired): 800.730.8913.



If you are eligible, use the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** to assist you in answering questions about income and tax information. This can help you in completing your FAFSA accurately and reduce the time it takes for you to complete it.



When filing the FAFSA online, first-time applicants will be offered a link on the confirmation page to complete the **Pennsylvania State Grant Form (SGF)**. Those who click the link will be moved directly to the online SGF. Remember to print out the signature page for the SGF and promptly mail it to PHEAA!

Note: Your State Grant award is determined using the first school you list on the FAFSA. If you decide to attend a different school, you must update your college information online in Account Access at [PHEAA.org](https://PHEAA.org).



Remember you need to complete the FAFSA each year that you are in need of financial aid for school.

# MY FAFSA COMPLETION RECORD

Date I submitted my FAFSA (Received Confirmation Page):

If income and tax info was estimated, I understand that I need to return to the FAFSA to correct this information as soon as I can.

Correction Date for income and/or tax information:

I used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on this date:

Income and tax info was NOT estimated when I submitted the FAFSA. I used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on this date:

NOTES:

TO CHANGE THE  
SCHOOLS LISTED  
ON THE FAFSA:

Log on to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov), using your PIN, to add or delete a school code. Or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 800.4.FED.AID / TTY (Hearing Impaired): 800.730.8913.

## ONCE YOUR FAFSA IS PROCESSED:

You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR), which summarizes all the information you provided on your FAFSA. Check your SAR for any errors. Receiving a SAR does not mean that you are eligible for financial aid.

If you don't have any changes to make to the information listed on your SAR, just keep it for your records. If you review your SAR and find a mistake, you will need to make necessary corrections using one of the following methods:

- Online (fastest method) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)
- U.S. Mail
- Telephone 800.4.FED.AID (800.433.3243) / TTY (Hearing Impaired): 800.730.8913.

Changes to financial information are permitted only if you provided incorrect and/or estimated information when you submitted the FAFSA. If a Social Security Number is reported incorrectly, a new FAFSA must be submitted.

Look for your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) near the right top corner of the SAR. The federal government determines your EFC. Schools use the EFC to determine your financial aid award. The lower your EFC, the more likely you will be eligible for need-based aid, such as grants and subsidized federal loans. The higher your EFC, the more likely it is that you will need to find additional sources of aid that are not based on need, such as merit scholarships, savings, unsubsidized federal loans, Parent PLUS loans, or private education loans.

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