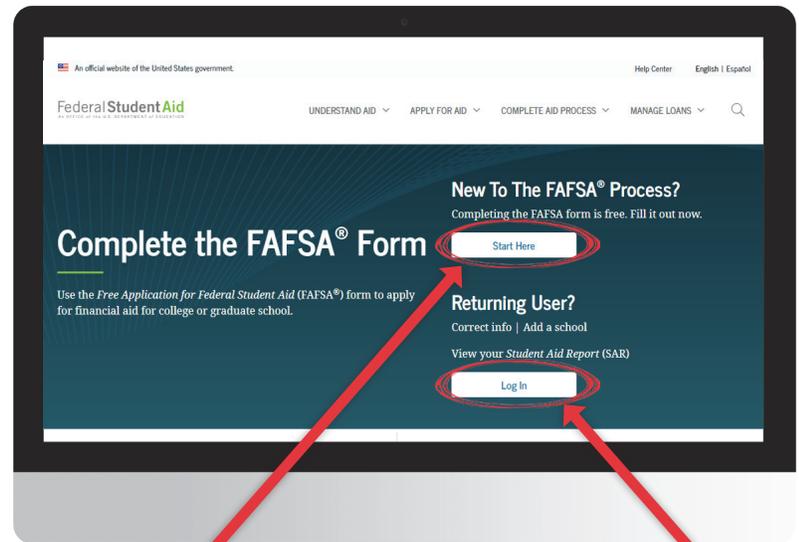
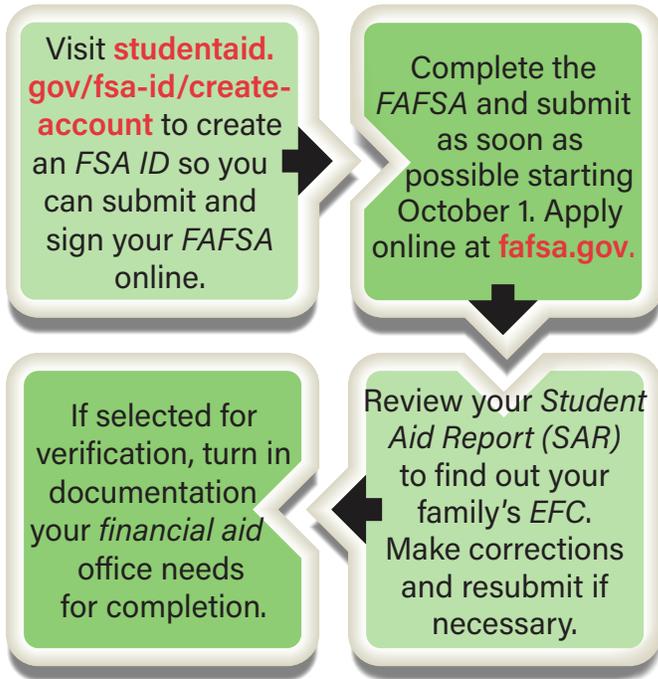


2021–2022 FAFSA Completion Guide

FAFSA.gov financial aid application process



Start your FAFSA here. Make sure you select the FAFSA for the year you will be entering college.

If you started a FAFSA but didn't finish, you will go here.

What you will need:

Dependent students will also need the following information for their parents.

- Email address or mobile phone number.
- FSA ID for **both** the student and the dependent student's parent/stepparent.
- Your Social Security number.
- Your alien registration number (if you are not a U.S. citizen.)
- Your 2019 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable.)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable.)
- Parents' date of birth, Social Security number, marital status, and date parent was married, divorced, or widowed.

Need help? Call Federal Student Aid at 800.433.3243

Federal Student Aid ID

Use your FSA ID to confirm your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign your federal student aid documents, including the FAFSA.

1

Visit studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account.

2

Create a memorable username and password.

3

Enter your name, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information, and challenge questions and answers.

4

Confirm your cell phone number using the secure code, which will be texted to the number you provided.

or

5

Confirm your email address using the secure code, which will be sent to the email address you entered when you created your FSA ID.

Keep track of your FSA ID since you'll use it frequently throughout the federal student aid application process each year.

Tip for Step 4:

Providing a mobile phone number will give you access to make it easier to log in to ED online systems, unlock your account, retrieve your forgotten username, or reset your forgotten password.

Are you dependent or independent?

If you answer "Yes" to any question below, you are considered an independent student.

- Were you born before January 1, 1998?
- As of today, are you married? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)
- At the beginning of the 2021–2022 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctoral program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- Do you now have or will you have children **who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022?**
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and **who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2022?**
- At any time since you turned age 13** were both of your parents deceased, or were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you now or were you, upon reaching the age of majority, an emancipated minor (released from control by your parent or guardian)?
- As determined by a court in your legal state of residence, are you now or were you, upon reaching the age of majority, in legal guardianship (of someone other than your parent or stepparent)? Note: Custody is different from guardianship.
- At any time on or **after** July 1, 2020, did your high school or school district homeless liaison, the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center, or transitional living program **or** a college financial aid administrator determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Notes
