



What even is FAFSA?
And did you know that
you can now submit
your FAFSA form?

No matter where you end up going to school, it's a huge financial opportunity. You should always apply, because you never know what you might qualify for. It can seem a little complicated, but we're here to help simplify it.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO GET IT DONE!

TIP 1:

THE EARLIER THE BETTER.

Your family can submit the FAFSA as early as October 1st. Even though the deadline isn't until June 30th, applying early ensures you get as much money as possible. Some states and schools have earlier deadlines and limited funds, and applying late may mean missing out.

TIP 2:

HAVE ALL YOUR INFO GATHERED.

You'll need a few documents in order to complete your FAFSA. To make it easier before you start, make sure you have your family's tax returns for the last two years, your social security number, any W-2's, and your FSA ID (so you can sign your document electronically).

TIP 3:

GET YOUR FSA ID READY.

YOUR FSA ID is a username and password you'll need to sign in when you fill out your FAFSA online. If your parents are signing with you, they'll need one too. Since it can take up to three days to activate, request your FSA ID a few days before filling out your FAFSA.

To create your FAFSA ID visit:

StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch (make sure you have your social security number ready.)

TIP 4:

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR INFORMATION.

Seems like a no-brainer right? It's a mistake more common than you think. And while most mistakes can be corrected after submitting your application, an incorrect Social Security number can require an entirely new application.

TIP 5:

KNOW THE TERMS.

Learning Financial Aid lingo is like learning a new language. Here are some important terms to keep in your back pocket.

Pre-Professional

This is the measure of your family's financial ability to pay.

Work Study

The Federal Work Study program gives you eligibility for part-time employment to help finance the cost of education.

Tuition

This is the base price for your education, not including room and board, textbooks, or other fees.

Grant

They can come from a school or the federal government and you don't have to pay it back. Fill out that FAFSA... a lot of grants determine eligibility by looking at your application.

Loans

Federal and private loans can help cover what scholarships and grants don't, but must be paid back.



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