



College Center

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HAPPY FAFSA Season!

The FAFSA opened on January 1st! This is the most CRUCIAL part of your student's college process. The FAFSA gives them access to the following:

- Loans
- Grants
- Work-study
- Need based Scholarships

They will need their information as well as their parents to complete the FAFSA. Every school has a different priority deadline (typically March 1st / February 1st). The earlier it is completed the better! Follow these easy steps to help your student:

Step 1: Figure out who goes on the FAFSA:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info>

Step 2: Create an FSA ID for the student/parent at www.fsaaid.gov

Step 3: Gather the correct information:

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- 2015 Federal Income Tax Forms (for parent and student)
- 2015 W-2 Forms (for parent and student)
- FSA ID (for parent and student)
- Student's driver's license number (if applicable)
- Social Security Number or Alien Registration Numbers (parent and student)
If parent does not have a SSN, they may put in 000-00-0000
- Birth date (for parent and student)
- Date you or your parents were married, separated, divorced, or widowed.
- Current (day of FAFSA filing) case and checking/savings account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, savings bonds, mutual funds, CDs) excluding parent's home and retirement plans

If you have not filed taxes yet, you can use estimates from the previous year!

Step 4: File the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov

IMPORTANT: Make sure that you do not go to any other sites (.com, .org, .edu, etc.), these sites could charge you up to \$75, the FAFSA is FREEEEE!



Step 5: Log back in to make any additional corrections / Turn in any additional paperwork to the colleges your child is looking at.

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