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## FAFSA FACTS

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form you need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college.

The FAFSA is free—you don't need to pay anyone to prepare it for you.

### Who Should Fill Out the FAFSA?

Anyone planning on going to college in the next academic year should fill out the FAFSA.

### How to get started on your FAFSA?

- Online at [ed.gov](https://ed.gov).
- FAFSA is available in both English and Spanish
- The FAFSA form can be printed, signed, and mailed in

### When to Submit your FAFSA?

Students and families should fill out the FAFSA in their senior year of high school, around the same time they apply to colleges.

You can file as early as October 1 for the following academic year. It's a good idea to submit the application as soon as possible because financial aid is often given out on a first-come, first-served basis.



For more details please visit  
[studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)

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