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## Why Complete A FAFSA?

- Access to Pell Grants, Work Study, Subsidized Loans, and other Federal, State, and School Financial Aid
- Ability to Accept Scholarships
- Part of Application Process



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## FAFSA Facts

- Opens October 1 for Next School Year (2023-2024)
- Aid is First Come, First Served
- Complete Each Year You Are Enrolled in College
- Free to Complete at [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov)



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## FAFSA Myths



The FAFSA is only for low income students



I haven't applied to college yet, so I can't do my FAFSA



My parents are not US citizens, so I can't get financial aid



My parents have bad credit, so I won't be able to get a student loan



I support myself, so I won't need my parent(s)' information



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Get started at  
**FAFSA.GOV**

or

The logo for FSA, consisting of the letters "FSA" in white on a dark blue square background, with a green horizontal line underneath the letters.

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**myStudentAid mobile app**

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Create FSA IDs at [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov) at least 3 days before you start your FAFSA

Student

Parent

} Requires Social Security Number (SSN)



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## Documentation of Income Needed



Federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned



Bank statements and records of investments



Records of untaxed income



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**TIP:** Use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#), if available.

This tool saves time and minimizes errors by pulling your most recent tax return information into the FAFSA application.

Look for it in STEP 5 (Parent Financials) of the FAFSA.





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Complete the FAFSA Application at  
**FAFSA.GOV**

- Log in using student FSA ID
- Create save key (share this with parent)
- Best to work alongside your parent(s)
- Complete application within 45 days - information is cleared after this time



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## 7 Sections

- Student Demographics
- School Selection
- Dependency Status
- Parent Demographics
- Parent Financials
- Student Financials
- Sign & Submit



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- Follow Up with College Admission and Financial Aid Offices
  - Submit applications, transcripts, and other required paperwork
  - Ask about any special or updated family or financial situations



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Which application year do I complete?

- 2023 seniors complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA



When will it be available?

- Saturday, October 1, 2022



When do I need to have it finished?

- ASAP - Aid is awarded first come first served to those who qualify



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What if I am not going to college or do not want to complete the FAFSA?

- You may complete a non-participation waiver signed by a parent. The State of Alabama will issue the waiver for 2023 seniors some time after October 1, and counselors will make it available to you



Can I still complete the FAFSA if I turn in a waiver?

- YES! The waiver does NOT affect your completion of a FAFSA at any time.

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## Career Coach Resource Site



[bit.ly/EC29FAFSA](https://bit.ly/EC29FAFSA)

