

# 2025–26 FAFSA® Form Coming Soon

The 2025–26 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form will be available to the public on or before Dec. 1, 2024.

Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 1, the 2025–26 FAFSA form will be available to individuals selected to participate in a limited beta release. **Participation in the beta release is by invitation only.**

## Why We’re Doing a Beta Release

A “beta” is an early release of a technology product, such as the 2025–26 FAFSA form. Beta releases make new products available to a limited number of users before releasing them to the public. Adopting this practice will enable us to find and resolve the kinds of errors that could derail the FAFSA completion process for students and their families.

## How To Prepare for the 2025–26 FAFSA® Form

Prepare now so you can complete the 2025–26 FAFSA form as soon as it’s available on or before Dec. 1, 2024. Here are some ways you can get ready:

- [Create a StudentAid.gov account](#) (if you don’t already have one).
- Learn about the [documents you may need to fill out the FAFSA form](#).
- Determine your [dependency status](#) and whether your parent(s) or spouse will be required to contribute information on your FAFSA form.
- If you’re a dependent student, use the [Who’s My FAFSA Parent? wizard](#) to identify which parent(s) will be a required contributor on your form.