





# Welcome to GISD's FAFSA Night!

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# What is FAFSA?

- > Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- > Utilizes information about your student (including family income) to determine eligibility for Federal grants and other financial aid such as work programs and loans.
- > Completing the application just provides you with opportunities and then you and your student decide which ones to accept.
- > Deadline is 6/30/2023 but it is better to get it done as early as possible since many of these financial aid opportunities are “first come, first serve”

*NOTE: TAFSA is the Texas Application for State Financial Aid. Students who are not eligible (see FAQ's if student is not a U.S. citizen) to complete the FAFSA will complete the TAFSA instead. It must be completed before January 15, 2023.*

# Why complete the FAFSA?

Besides looking for financial aid opportunities, the FAFSA (or TAFSA) is

- **NOW A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

**(Unless an Opt-Out Form is completed and signed)**

→ Please take a screenshot or somehow keep proof that you have completed and submitted this form (and send to me at [kpage@grovetonisd.net](mailto:kpage@grovetonisd.net) if possible)

- Required by colleges and universities
- There are a high number of grants, etc. that are going unused, so these rules are being implemented to increase awareness and the number of applications submitted to reach more students

# FSA ID

- Username and password for the Federal Student Aid online systems
- Serves as a legal signature on these documents
  - Students & Parents will have different FSA ID's
    - **Create TWO- one for the parent and one for the student**
- **Create at studentaid.gov** (click “Create an Account”) OR on the app
  - Information (name and number) need to exactly match what is on the student’s social security card
  - Can be used immediately
  - Will need access to email and/or a phone number for the verification step
- For help, call 1-800-433-3243

# Completion Information

1. Go to **[studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)** and log in with your FSA ID
  - a. OR on the app “myStudentAid”
2. Be sure to choose the **2023-2024 form** (just opened 10/1/2022)
  - a. Student Demographics
  - b. School Selection- **triple check that you select the correct high school**
  - c. Dependency Status
  - d. Parent Demographics
  - e. Parent Financial Information- **use 2021 taxes**
    - i. IRS DRT will transfer information directly from the IRS to the FAFSA
  - f. Student Financial Information (must file taxes if earned over \$12,400 in 2021)
  - g. Sign & Submit
  - h. Confirmation (**Save this! Screenshot and/or Print**)

# Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ Students, do NOT use an @grovetonisd.net email address as our system will block outside emails
- ❖ Dual Credit students will still choose “Never attended college/1st yr.”
- ❖ Registration for Selective Service is NOT required to be eligible for federal aid (though it is required under TAFSA)
- ❖ The SAI (previously called the EFC) is the Student Aid Index and this number is often requested on scholarship applications so keep it handy!
- ❖ You will need to reapply for this each fall for the next school year.

# “I am an eligible noncitizen”

- U.S. permanent residents  
(green card holders)
- Individuals with an I-94 showing:  
Refugee, Asylee, Cuban-Haitian  
Entrant, or Parolee
- Victims of human trafficking  
(T-Visa)
- Battered immigrants and children



U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Securing America's Borders

Get I-94 Number

Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 6900088802

Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 10/10/2012

Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:

Family Name:	LI
First (Given) Name:	LYDIA
Birth Date (MMDDYYYY):	01/01/1990





# Students are independent if they...

Will be 24 by January 1st  
of award year

Are married (or separated but  
not divorced)

Are working on a  
master's or doctorate

Serve in the U.S. armed  
forces or are a veteran

Since age 13 - had no living  
parent, were in foster care, or  
were a ward of the court

Are an emancipated  
minor

Have a legal guardian

Have children (or dependents)  
and provide more than half  
their support

Are an unaccompanied  
youth who is homeless

# Dependency Override?



## YES

Parents are incarcerated

Student has fled an abusive family environment

Student doesn't know where parents are or how to contact them

## NO

Parents refuse to provide info  
Parents don't want to help pay for college

Student doesn't live with parents  
Parents don't claim student on taxes



Are your parents married to each other?

NO

Do your parents live together?

NO

Which parent did you live with **most** in the last 12 months?\*

Is this parent remarried?

YES

YES

YES

NO



2 Report BOTH parents' information

2 Report BOTH parent and stepparent's information

1 Report ONLY this parent's information

\*If the student didn't live with one parent more than the other, report info for the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months.

# Parent Household Size

## Include

- Student and parent(s)
- Parent(s) other children who receive more than 50% support
- Other people who live with parent(s) AND receive more than 50% financial support from them

## Do not include

- Foster children
- Other people the parent(s) support financially that don't live with parent(s)



# Number in College

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How many people in your mother's household (as reported above) will be college students between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022? Do not include your mother. ?

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### Include

- Student
- Household members who will be enrolled at least half-time

### Do not include

- Parent(s)
- Students attending U.S. service academies



# IRS DRT Ineligible

- ❌ Filed as “Married Filing Separately”
- ❌ Married and filed as “Head of Household”
- ❌ Unmarried and both legal parents living together
- ❌ Recent change in marital status
- ❌ Filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return
- ❌ Filed using an ITIN
- ❌ Victim of identity theft

# What If Income Has Changed?

- The student can submit an appeal to the financial aid office
- Financial aid administrators can use “professional judgement” to adjust the student’s financial aid
- Do NOT update the FAFSA with **2022** tax info

**How can I request a change to my financial aid package?**

SwiftStudent will help you understand the financial aid appeals process — **for free.**

- Am I eligible?
- What documents do I need?
- How do I write an appeal letter?
- How do I submit my letter to the financial aid office?

Check out the free appeal templates (and more) here:  
<https://formswift.com/swift-student>

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