



HOW TO FILE THE FAFSA?

What is the FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the most important document for getting money to help you pay for college. *Financial aid* is the term used for that money, which comes in the form of grants, scholarships and loans.

To enroll in college in fall 2024, you will file the 2024-2025 FAFSA. That FAFSA will open in **December 2023**. To qualify for Indiana's state financial aid, you must file by **April 15, 2024**.

When it is time to file the FAFSA, you will need to create a **Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)**. If you are a dependent student, your parent(s) will also need to create an FSA ID.

Resources needed to create an FSA ID:

1. Your Social Security number (SSN)
2. Your full legal name
3. Your date of birth
4. Your mailing address
5. An e-mail address that is unique to you (personal e-mail, not high school e-mail)
6. A memorable username and password (store them somewhere safe)

Resources needed to file the FAFSA:

1. Your FSA ID username and password
2. Your Social Security number (SSN)
3. (Optional) Your driver's license number
4. Your 2022 federal tax returns, if applicable (IRS forms 1040, 1040EZ or 1040A)
5. The 2022 federal tax returns for your parent(s) (if applicable) (IRS forms 1040, 1040EZ or 1040A)
6. Records of money earned, including W-2 forms and recent bank statements
7. Alien registration numbers or permanent residence cards, if you or your parent(s) are not U.S. citizens
8. Six-digit FAFSA codes for any institutions you are applying to. Use these codes to send your FAFSA information to the colleges. You will be able to add up to 20 colleges at a time. Find the FAFSA codes at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/preadmit](https://learnmoreindiana.org/preadmit). (You can also scan the QR code on the front side of this letter.)

How do I file the FAFSA?

The easiest way to file the FAFSA is online at <https://studentaid.gov/>. The website also provides a printer-friendly PDF if you prefer to mail your FAFSA.

During parts of the year, there are two FAFSAs open at the same time. Make sure that you file the 2024-25 FAFSA.

For more information about the FSA ID and FAFSA, visit [LearnMoreIndiana.org/FAFSA](https://learnmoreindiana.org/FAFSA). Furthermore, [LearnMoreIndiana.org/scholarships](https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholarships) has information about additional scholarship opportunities.