The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now open.

Arizona families leave millions of dollars on the table every year because they don’t submit the FAFSA. The sooner you submit the FAFSA, the greater your chances are of getting free aid that you don’t have to repay, such as grants or scholarships.

Here’s your step-by-step guide to submitting your FAFSA and finding out what kind of financial aid is available to help you pay for college.
Step 1: Determine if you are a dependent or independent student for the FAFSA.

Dependent students must include their parents’ information on the FAFSA. To determine your dependency status and whose parent information a dependent student will need to provide, answer the following questions. If you can check any of these boxes, you qualify as independent and will not have to provide parental information. If you check none of them, you are a dependent and need to provide parental information.

What is my dependency status?
- I was born before Jan. 1, 1999.
- I am married.
- I will be working on a master’s or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate).
- I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.
- Since age 13 or later, both of my parents were deceased.
- Since age 13 or later, I was in foster care.
- I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me, and I provide more than half of their support.
- Since age 13 or later, I was a dependent or ward of the court.
- I am currently or I was an emancipated minor.
- I am currently or I was in legal guardianship.
- I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless.

Who is my parent for the FAFSA?

Are your parents married to each other? no yes
- Report information for both parents on the FAFSA.

Do your parents live together? no yes
- Report information for both parents on the FAFSA, even if they were never married, are divorced or separated.

Did you live with one parent more than the other over the past 12 months? no yes
- Report information on the FAFSA for the parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months.

Did you live with more parents? yes no
- You do not need to report additional parent information.
- Has this parent remarried?

The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:
- Widowed stepparent
- Grandparents
- Foster parents
- Legal guardians
- Older brothers or sisters
- Aunts or uncles

Step 2: Set up your FSA ID.

Create student and parent accounts at studentaid.gov. Do this ahead of time. It takes a couple of days to receive your FSA ID. Write this ID in a secure location. You’ll use the same ID every year when you resubmit the FAFSA for financial aid.
**Step 3: Collect information.**

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<td>□ Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID.</td>
<td>Apply or request an FSA ID at <a href="http://www.faid.ed.gov">fsaid.ed.gov</a>.</td>
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<td>□ Social Security number.</td>
<td>Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213.</td>
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<td>□ Birth dates.</td>
<td>Parent 1 <em><strong>/</strong></em>/____ Parent 2 <em><strong>/</strong></em>/____</td>
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<td>□ Student’s driver’s license number.</td>
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<td>□ Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed.</td>
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<td>□ 2020 Federal Income Tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)*.</td>
<td>Personal records or visit <a href="http://www.irs.gov">irs.gov/transcript</a>.</td>
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<td>□ 2020 W-2 forms.</td>
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<td>□ Current cash and checking/savings account balances.</td>
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<td>$ ___________ or contact your state child support office.</td>
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<td>$ ___________ or contact your employer.</td>
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<td>□ 2020 veteran’s non-education benefits.</td>
<td>$ ___________ or contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 800-827-1000 or <a href="http://www.va.gov">va.gov</a>.</td>
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*Students and parents who have filed their 2020 federal tax return may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to easily, accurately and securely transfer their tax information into the FAFSA.*
Step 4: Submit your FAFSA.

Visit fafsa.gov and submit your 2022–2023 FAFSA to learn how much financial aid you are eligible to receive in your first year of college. Be sure to enter ASU’s Federal School Code, 001081.

Submit by Jan. 15 to be eligible for the most funding and considered for:

- **President Barack Obama Scholars program**
  Open to Arizona residents with a total annual family income of $42,400 or less on the FAFSA. This scholarship covers tuition, fees, housing, meals, books and supplies.

- **College Attainment Grant**
  Open to Pell-eligible Arizona residents. This scholarship covers tuition and fees.

**Free help is available.**

You do not have to pay to get help or submit your FAFSA. Submit your FAFSA for free online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). Federal Student Aid provides free help online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). Or, contact your ASU admission representative at admission.asu.edu/findmyrep.

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**Helpful links**

**Applying for federal financial aid**
[fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

**Live-hosted virtual programs**
[visit.asu.edu/live-hosted-virtual-visit-programs](http://visit.asu.edu/live-hosted-virtual-visit-programs)

**Preparing for the FAFSA Workshop**

Join our team of experts for this FAFSA workshop to learn more about the process of completing a FAFSA, including what information is required, whose information you will need, and answers to some of the most common questions.

**Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshop**

Join our highly trained team as we guide you through our merit-based and private scholarship awards, financial aid and tuition assistance programs, and important dates for fall 2022 enrollment.

**Date I submitted my FAFSA!**

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