# FAFSA Info Night

Show me the money!

# Basics

FAFSA is the **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid

    Never pay for this!

Determines a students eligibility to receive free government aid (Pell Grants-$6095 max)

Calculates a family's "EFC" - Expected Family Contribution

    This is how much the government expects the family to contribute towards college

Utilized by colleges and universities, and some scholarships, to determine eligibility for need-based aid

Best to complete by Winter break

# What you will need

Student and parent social security numbers

Student may need TASFA

2017 federal tax return information/W2's

Cash, savings, and checking account balances as of the day you complete the form

Some may also need:

Investments or other income on which you live

More info on investments here

Records of untaxed income

More info on untaxed income here

# Where to start

The student and 1 parent must create an FSA ID

Fsaid.ed.gov

Free

Allows you to electronically sign FAFSA

Printing and signing delays processing

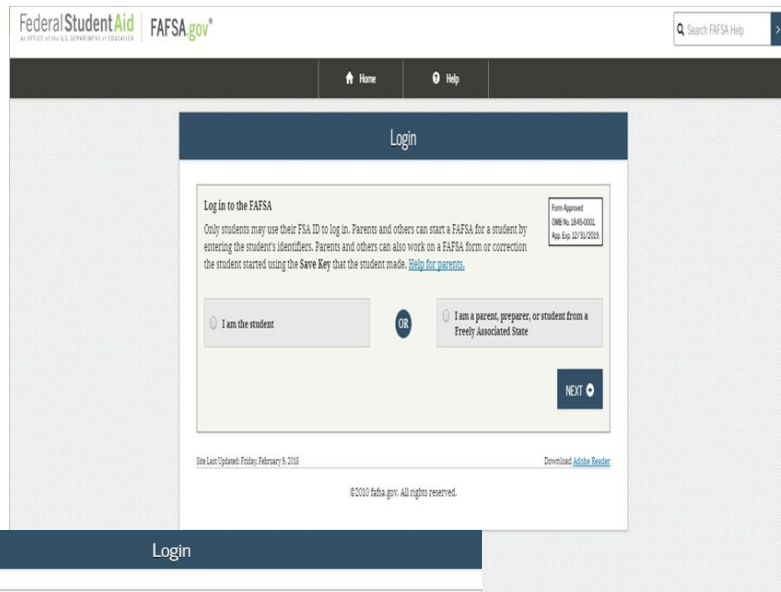Password recovery highly recommended-
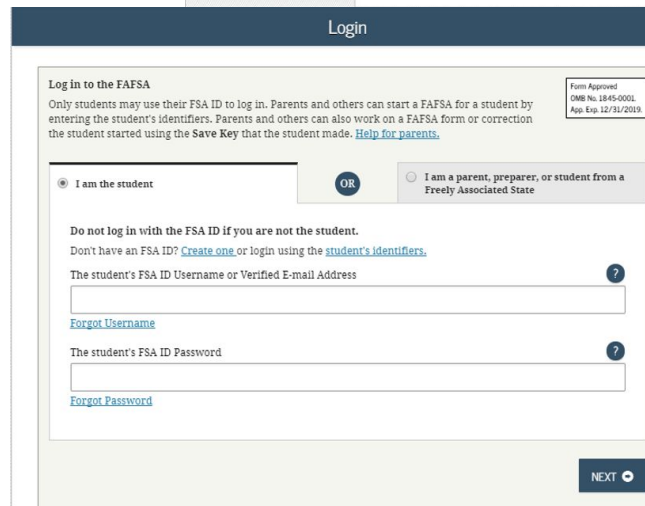you will need this every year of college

# Filling out the FAFSA

Fafsa.gov

Student signs in using student FSA ID

Be sure to select 2019-2020 school year (this is the year your student will be in college)

# New FAFSA App

"myStudentAid"

Create FSA ID

Fill out and submit FAFSA

Manage student loans
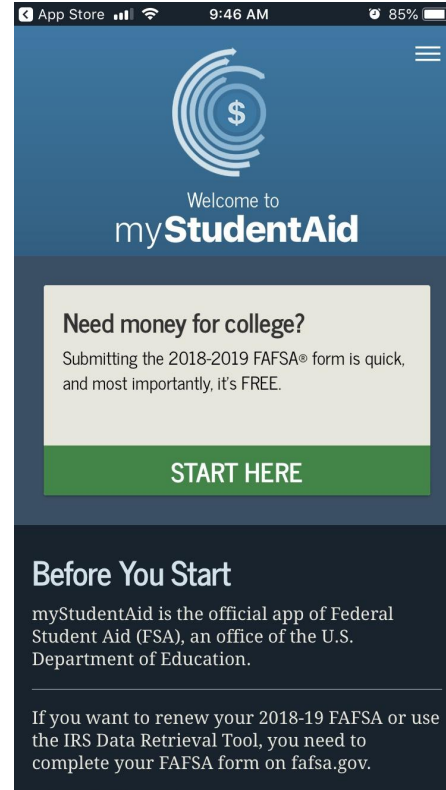
# Student Information

Name- Entered exactly as it is on SS Card

Address

DOB

DL #- If applicable

Marital Status (student)

Interest in work study- YES

Highest school completed by parents

# Student Eligibility

Citizenship status

   Non citizens may fill out TASFA

Males must register for draft

Highest school status- high school diploma

   DC doesn't count

# List your Schools

Select the schools you want to receive the info

　　　Can search by state, keyword, etc

　　　Can edit later if you add/delete

Housing plans

# Dependency Status

Determines independent vs. dependent student

Most dependent



Student Additional Dependency Questions

Student Demographics — School Selection — Dependency Status — Parent Demographics — Financial Information — Sign & Submit — Confirmation

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Answer the following questions to determine if you are required to provide information about your parents on your FAFSA. Check all that apply or check **None of the above**.

☐ Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?

☐ Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

☐ At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

☐ As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

☐ Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

☑ None of the above

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Student Age/Marital Status/Degree Confirmation

Student Demographics — School Selection — Dependency Status — Parent Demographics — Financial Information — Sign & Submit — Confirmation

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

✓ Application was successfully saved.

ℹ Because the FAFSA belongs to the student, "you" and "your" always (unless otherwise noted) refer to the student.

Were you born before January 1, 1995?
○ Yes    ⦿ No

As of today, are you married?
○ Yes    ⦿ No

At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
○ Yes    ⦿ No

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# Parent Demographics

Need Month/Year of Marriage or Divorce

Need parent DOBs

Need SSNs (if applicable)

    No SSN- enter all 0's

Need parent emails

Only list parent(s) that support student financially

Unique family situations- More info here

# Tax Information

Choose completion status

Choose filing status

Link to IRS

     This is WONDERFUL when it works

     If it does not you must manually enter

          Choose tax form type

          Enter lines as described

Do this for student too if worked in 2017

# Tax Information



**Student Tax Filing Status**

Student Demographics ✓ — School Selection ✓ — Dependency Status ✓ — Parent Demographics — Financial Information ✎ — Sign & Submit — Confirmation

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ℹ **Attention!** You must provide financial information from your **2016 tax return** on the following pages.

For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return? ❓
> Already completed ▼

For 2016, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return? ❓
> Single ▼

Did you file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return for 2016? ❓
○ Yes  ◉ No

**⊞ IRS Data Retrieval Tool**

Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)!

> LINK TO IRS ⇄

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**Student Questions for Tax Filers Only**

Student Demographics ✓ — School Selection ✓ — Dependency Status ✓ — Parent Demographics ✓ — Financial Information ✎ — Sign & Submit — Confirmation

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

**Did you have any of the following items in 2016? Enter amounts for all that apply.**

Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your adjusted gross income. Do not enter untaxed combat pay reported on the W-2 in Box 12, Code Q ❓
> $ [0] .00

Student college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships ❓
> $ [0] .00

Education credits (*American Opportunity Tax Credit* or *Lifetime Learning Tax Credit*) from IRS Form ❓
**Transferred from the IRS**

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh, and other qualified plans from IRS Form ❓
**Transferred from the IRS**

Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form ❓
**Transferred from the IRS**

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form. ❓
**Transferred from the IRS**

Did the untaxed portions of IRA distributions you reported for 2016 include rollover(s)? ❓
○ Yes  ◉ No

Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form. ❓
**Transferred from the IRS**

Did the untaxed portions of pensions you reported for 2016 include rollover(s)? ❓
○ Yes  ◉ No

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# Sign and Submit

Sign using FSA ID's

   Fastest and easiest

Parents without SSN can print and sign

Student only submits without parent signature if they are independent

# Confirmation Page

Will show:

Schools getting info

EFC

Pell Grant estimate

In 7-10 days student will get the SAR

      This means it has been processed

      School may require more info (CSS)

# You're done!

Double check with all schools after receiving SAR

  Usually via prospective student portal

Wait for financial aid award letter

Adjust FAFSA and resubmit if needed

  Changing schools

  Drastic change in income

  Change in dependency status

# TASFA

Financial aid application for non-citizens (student)

Paper-based

Allows for state aid, not federal

Only applies to in-state schools

Application lists schools that accept form (most do)

Need all of the same information as FAFSA

Fill it out in PDF form and print/mail to each school

# CSS Profile

Additional financial aid document used by some

    Mainly private/elite

Undocumented students can fill out

Determines who needs aid

Allows reporting of special circumstances

$25 for first school, $16 thereafter

    unless qualify for fee waiver

Filled out through college board account

TX-only TCU, SMU, Rice, & Baylor



Please note       ×

CSS Profile fee waivers will be automatically granted to entering undergraduate students who are experiencing hardship due to Hurricane Florence based on disaster areas designated by FEMA.

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# Upcoming Dates for FAFSA

- Wednesday, October 17th- FAFSA Senior Workshops-During off periods RHS Library
- Saturday, October 20th- FAFSA Saturday Workshop 9a-1p RHS OMNI Room
- Friday, November 9th- FAFSA ½ day Workshop- 1-4p RHS Library
- Tuesday, November 13th-FAFSA Senior Workshops-During off periods RHS Library
- Wednesday, Dec. 12th- FAFSA Senior Workshops-During off periods RHS Library