



FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
July 1, 2012 — June 30, 2013



Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans.

Or apply free online at
www.fafsa.gov.

Applying by the Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2012. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2013. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2012-2013 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as January 2012. See the table to the right for state deadlines. You may also need to complete additional forms.

Check with your high school guidance counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines.

If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at www.fafsa.gov. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

Using Your Tax Return

If you (or your parents) need to file a 2011 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), we recommend that you complete it before filling out the FAFSA. If you have not completed your return yet, you can submit your FAFSA now using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return.

The easiest way to complete or correct your FAFSA with accurate tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool through www.fafsa.gov. In a few simple steps, you may be able to view your tax return information and transfer it directly into your FAFSA.

Filling Out the FAFSA*

If you or your family has unusual circumstances that might affect your financial situation (such as loss of employment), complete this form to the extent you can, then submit it as instructed and consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

For help in filling out the FAFSA, go to www.studentaid.ed.gov/completfafsa or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). TTY users (for the hearing impaired) may call 1-800-730-8913.

Fill the answer fields directly on your screen or print the form and complete it by hand. Your answers will be read electronically; therefore if you complete the form by hand:

- use black ink and fill in circles completely;
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words;
- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) like this:

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Orange is for student information and purple is for parent information.

Mailing Your FAFSA*

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 3 through 8 to:

Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 4692, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-4692.

After your application is processed, you will receive a summary of your information in your Student Aid Report (SAR). If you provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be sent by e-mail within 3-5 days. If you do not provide an e-mail address, your SAR will be mailed to you within three weeks. If you would like to check the status of your FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.gov or call 1-800-4-FED-AID.

Let's Get Started!

Now go to page 3 of the application form and begin filling it out. Refer to the notes as instructed.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Federal Aid Deadline - June 30, 2013
State Aid Deadlines - See below.

Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories:

AL, AS*, AZ, CO, FM*, GA, GU*, HI*, MI*, MP*, NE, NM, NV*, PR, PW*, SD*, TX, UT, VA*, V.I.*, WA, WI and WY*.

Pay attention to the symbols that may be listed after your state deadline.

AK	AK Education Grant and AK Performance Scholarship - June 30, 2012 (date received)
AR	Academic Challenge - June 1, 2012 (date received) Workforce Grant - Contact the financial aid office. Higher Education Opportunity Grant - June 1, 2012 (date received)
CA	Initial awards - March 2, 2012 + * Additional community college awards - September 2, 2012 (date postmarked) + *
CT	February 15, 2012 (date received) † *
DC	June 30, 2012 (date received) † For priority consideration, submit application by May 15, 2012.
DE	April 15, 2012 (date received)
FL	May 15, 2012 (date processed)
IA	July 1, 2012 (date received); earlier priority deadlines may exist for certain programs.
ID	Opportunity Grant - March 1, 2012 (date received) † *
IL	As soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards made until funds are depleted.
IN	March 15, 2012 (date received)
KS	April 1, 2012 (date received) † *
KY	As soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards made until funds are depleted.
LA	June 30, 2013 (July 1, 2012 recommended)
MA	May 1, 2012 (date received) †
MD	March 1, 2012 (date received)
ME	May 1, 2012 (date received)
MI	March 1, 2012 (date received)
MP	30 days after term starts (date received)
MO	April 2, 2012 (date received)
MS	MEAG and MESO Grants - September 15, 2012 (date received) HELP Scholarship - March 31, 2012 (date received)
MT	March 1, 2012 (date received) †
NC	As soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards made until funds are depleted.
ND	April 15, 2012 (date received) † Early priority deadlines may exist for institutional programs.
NH	NH is not offering a state grant this year.
NJ	2011-2012 Tuition Aid Grant recipients - June 1, 2012 (date received) All other applicants - October 1, 2012, fall & spring terms (date received) - March 1, 2013, spring terms only (date received)
NY	June 30, 2013 (date received) + *
OH	October 1, 2012 (date received)
OR	OSAC Private Scholarships - March 1, 2012 (date received) Oregon Opportunity Grant - February 1, 2012 (date received)
PA	All first-time applicants at a community college; a business/grade-technical school; a program school of nursing; or enrolled in a non-transferable two-year program - August 1, 2012 (date received) All other applicants - May 1, 2012 (date received)
RI	March 1, 2012 (date received) †
SC	Tuition Grants - June 30, 2012 (date received) SC Commission on Higher Education - As soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards made until funds are depleted.
TN	State Grant - As soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards made until funds are depleted. State Lottery - September 1, 2012 (date received) †
VT	As soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards made until funds are depleted. †
WV	Promise Scholarship - March 1, 2012 (date received) † * WV Higher Education Grant Program - April 16, 2012 (date received) †

† For priority consideration, submit application by date specified.
+ Applicants encouraged to obtain proof of mailing.
* Additional forms may be required.

STATE AID DEADLINES