

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Your first step toward grants, loans, work study, and some scholarships.

✓ **Set up your Account: fsaid.ed.gov**

- You will get an FSA ID to use as your electronic signature.
- Student AND one parent must create an FSA ID, using two separate email accounts.
- You need a Social Security Number to create an FSA ID. Parents without a Social Security Number can sign the FAFSA using a signature page, which is printed after Step 3 below.
- Questions? Visit <http://bit.ly/2bCjvO7>

✓ **Gather important financial documents.**

- Full list of required information:
<http://bit.ly/2bwYwdY>
- Check with your college choices to find out their priority deadlines.

✓ **Complete the FAFSA: fafsa.gov**

- Remember, the FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. If you are asked to pay, you are in the wrong place.
- You can list up to 10 college choices on your FAFSA.

✓ **Check your email for FAFSA information.**

- Email is how you will be contacted if there is an issue with your FAFSA. Look for an email with a link to your Student Aid Report (SAR), then check it for accuracy.

✓ **Review your award letters.**

- Colleges you applied to and listed on your FAFSA will calculate your financial aid and send you an award letter, letting you know how much funding you can get at that school.
- Review your offers and make your final decision by May 1, National College Decision Day.

Important Dates:

- October 1: FAFSA Opens. Complete it as early as possible to get the most aid.
- November 15: NAU FAFSA Priority Deadline
- January 1: ASU FAFSA Priority Deadline
- March 1: UA FAFSA Priority Deadline
- May 1: National College Decision Day