

Apply for Financial Aid

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- The first step in applying for financial aid
- One application for most types of federal and state financial aid

Apply for Financial Aid

The screenshot shows the FAFSA.gov website. At the top left is the logo for Federal Student Aid, with the text 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION'. To the right of the logo is the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. Further right is a search bar with the text 'Search FAFSA® Help' and a green arrow button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with five items: 'Prepare for College', 'Types of Aid', 'Who Gets Aid', 'FAFSA®: Apply for Aid', and 'How to Repay Your Loans'. Below the navigation menu is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home » FAFSA®: Apply for Aid'. The main heading is 'FAFSA®: Apply for Aid'. Below the heading is a paragraph: 'Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school.' Below this paragraph are two columns of text. The left column is titled 'NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?' and contains the text 'Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.' Below this text is a blue button with the text 'START HERE >'. The right column is titled 'RETURNING USER?' and contains the text 'Correct info • Add a school' and 'View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)'. Below this text is a blue button with the text 'LOG IN >'. The background of the page is a dark blue with a faint image of a graduation cap.

- Always use FAFSA.gov
- Never pay to file the FAFSA

FSA ID

- Federal Student Aid ID
- Username and password
- Student and parent must each create their own
- Will be used every year to:
 - Electronically sign FAFSA
 - Complete student loan paperwork
 - Login to U.S. Department of Education websites

Creating an FSA ID

Federal Student Aid
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Create a New FSA ID

New to FSA? **Create an FSA ID** account below. An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

[Need help creating an FSA ID?](#)

Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

Create an FSA ID

Manage My FSA ID

Please enter your:

E-mail

Confirm E-mail

Username

Password

Numbers Uppercase Letters Lowercase Letters Special Characters 8-30 Characters Show Text

Confirm Password

CONTINUE

- Use an e-mail account that you can access easily
- Don't use a school issued e-mail account
- Don't use your name or date of birth in password

Creating an FSA ID

Personal Identification Information

To apply for an FSA ID, complete the information below and select CONTINUE.

I understand that I will be required to certify that the information that I provide to obtain an FSA ID is true and correct and that I am the individual who I claim to be. If I am not that person who I claim to be, I understand that I am not authorized to proceed and that I should exit this form now. If I provide false or misleading information, I understand that I may be fined, sent to prison for not more than five years, or both.



Social Security Number * - - * Required

Show Text

Date of Birth *

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name *

- Enter personal information
 - First Name
 - Middle Initial
 - Last Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Social Security Number
- Be sure to accurately enter your information

Creating an FSA ID

Verify Your E-mail

An e-mail containing a secure code was sent to your e-mail address on file. Important: If you're accessing your e-mail via the Web, **make sure to open a separate browser tab or window**. If you did not receive an e-mail, you can [request a new secure code](#).

Enter the Secure Code

Enter the secure code below and select CONTINUE to verify your e-mail address. After you verify your e-mail address, you can use it as your username when logging in.

Note: It may take a few minutes for the e-mail to arrive. Check your junk folder if you cannot find the message in your inbox. Some e-mail providers require that you add an e-mail address to your address book before you can receive any e-mail from that address. To ensure that our messages can be delivered to your inbox, enter our originating e-mail address, FSA-ID@ed.gov into your address book.

Identity	Profile	Review & Confirm	Done
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Secure Code *

841832

CANCEL

CONTINUE WITHOUT VERIFYING

CONTINUE

Important: Your FSA ID E-mail Validation - Action Required

FSA ID Information <FSA-ID@ed.gov>
to me

12:47 PM (0 minutes ago)

Dear testuser1,

Complete the e-mail verification process by entering the following secure code into the Secure Code field on your Web page:

841832

Once you have entered the secure code and verified your e-mail address, you will also be able to use your e-mail as your username when logging in to Federal Student Aid applications and websites.

This code is used to verify your email address and is not your FSA ID. The FSA ID is the ID you choose during the registration process.

If you have any questions or need help, visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov> and select Help for more details.

Thank you,

U.S. Department of Education

Federal Student Aid

This mailbox is unattended. Please do not reply to this message.

- Verify the e-mail account you provided
- Receive an e-mail with a **secure code**
 - Subject line: Important: Your FSA ID E-mail Validation – Action Required
- Enter the **secure code** on this screen

Creating an FSA ID

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website interface. At the top, there are links for 'English | Español', 'Help', and a 'CANCEL' button. The main header includes the 'Federal Student Aid' logo and the text 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND®'. The page is divided into two main sections. The first section is titled 'Verify Your Mobile Phone Number' and contains the following text: 'You must verify your mobile phone number before you can use it for account recovery.' and 'Important: If you do not verify your mobile phone number you will not be registered to receive text messages from us and you will not be able to use your mobile phone to reset your password, retrieve your username, or unlock your account.' Below this text is a progress bar with four steps: 'Identity', 'Profile', 'Confirm & Verify', and 'Done'. The 'Confirm & Verify' step is currently active. The second section is titled 'Enter the Secure Code' and contains the text: 'A text message containing a secure code was sent to your mobile phone. Enter it below and select SUBMIT. The secure code will expire after 30 minutes and you will be required to [request a new secure code](#).' Below this text is a note: 'Note: It may take a few minutes for the text message to arrive.' At the bottom of the section, there is a mobile phone icon, the label 'Secure Code', and a text input field containing the number '360062'.

- Verify the phone number you provided as well
- Receive a text message with a secure code
- Enter the secure code on this screen

FAFSA 2022-2023

Get Started

STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome, Geoffrey Giraffe!

Fill out your FAFSA form!

To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started.

START 2020-2021 FAFSA

FSA ID

Last Time, Date FSA ID Used:

FSA ID Status:

[Create an FSA ID](#)

There is no FSA ID on file for the information you entered.

FAFSA 2022-2023

START Student's 2020-2021 FAFSA

STUDENT INFORMATION

Form Approved
OMB No. 1845-0001.
App. Exp. 12/31/2020.

Create a Save Key.

The Save Key is for temporary use for you or your parent to return and complete this specific FAFSA.

Create a Save Key ?

Re-enter Save Key ?

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Student Demographics


Personal Information for Student


Student Demographics | School Selection | Dependency Status | Parent Demographics | Parent Financials | Student Financials | Sign & Submit | Confirmation


STUDENT INFORMATION



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



Your Social Security Number
222-33-4444

Your first name 
Giraffe


Your middle initial 
T

Your last name 
Geoffrey

Your date of birth 
02/05/2002 

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- List name exactly as it is on your Social Security card
- Remember to use a personal email address
- **Tool Tips** provide additional information 

Selective Service

Student Selective Service

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Are you male or female? ?

Male Female

i Most male citizens and male immigrants must register with the Selective Service System to receive federal student aid.

Are you registered with the Selective Service System? ?

Yes No

Do you want us to register you with the Selective Service System? ?

Yes No

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- 18 year old males must register with Selective Service to receive financial aid
- Students may register through the FAFSA

Reporting Parent Information

- **If your parents are legally separated or divorced**
 - List the parent you lived with the most during the last 12 months
 - Lived with both parents equally; list the parent who provided the most financial support in the last 12 months
- **Divorced parent is remarried**
 - List parent and step-parent
- **Parents are unmarried, but living together**
 - List information for both parents

Parent Demographics

Personal Information for Parent

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PARENT INFORMATION

Enter information for your first **parent** (father/mother/stepparent)

Parent's Social Security Number ?

Parent's last name ?

Parent's first initial ?

Parent's date of birth ?

Your parents' e-mail address ?

Re-enter your parents' e-mail address ?

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- Parent's first initial and last name as on SS card
- Name and date of birth will be verified with Social Security Administration

Defining Household

Parent Household Info

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PARENT INFORMATION

Household Size

Your parents
2

Yourself, even if you do not live with your parents
1

Your parent's other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if:
a. Your parents will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 or
b. These children can answer "No" to every [Dependency Status question on the FAFSA](#)
4

Other people if:
a. they now live with your parents,
b. your parents provide more than half of their support, and
c. your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
0

Your parents' number of family members in 2020-2021 (household size)
7

Number in College

How many people in your parents' household (as reported above) will be college students between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021? Do not include your parents.
5

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- Included in household size
 - Student
 - Student's parent(s) listed on FAFSA
 - Other children supported by parent(s)
 - Other people supported by parent(s)

Parent Income

- Use 2020 tax information
- Select tax filing status
 - Already completed
 - Will file
 - Not going to file
- If Already completed, Link to IRS or enter tax figures manually

The screenshot displays the 'Parent Tax Filing Status' form. At the top, a progress bar indicates the following steps: Student Demographics (checked), School Selection (checked), Dependency Status (checked), Parent Demographics (checked), Parent Financials (active), Student Financials, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The 'PARENT INFORMATION' section contains a success message: 'Application was successfully saved.' Below this, three questions are asked with dropdown menus and help icons: 'For 2018, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?' (selected: 'Already completed'), 'What type of income tax return did your parents file for 2018?' (selected: 'IRS 1040'), and 'For 2018, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?' (selected: 'Married-Filed Joint Return'). An 'IRS Data Retrieval Tool' section is also present, with a 'LINK TO IRS' button. Navigation buttons for 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' are at the bottom. The footer includes 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, September 29, 2019' and a 'Download Adobe Reader' link.

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- IRS sends tax data directly to FAFSA
- Participation is voluntary, but strongly recommended
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office and speeds up awarding process
- Due to increased security measures, transferred data will not show on screen
- Financial aid office must make any changes to transferred data

Sign & Submit

The screenshot displays the 'Signature Options' page in the FAFSA application process. At the top, a progress bar shows the following steps: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit (current step), and Confirmation. The 'Sign & Submit' step is highlighted with a pencil icon. Below the progress bar, there is a section titled 'Parent Signature for' with a document icon and a signature. The text reads: 'Social Security Number: XXX-XX-5555', 'Last Name: Giraffe', and 'Date of Birth: 05/14/1978'. Below this is a section titled 'What is your (the parent's) FSA ID?' with the instruction 'Do not enter the FSA ID if you are not the parent.' There are two input fields: 'FSA ID Username, E-mail Address, or Mobile Number' and 'FSA ID Password'. Each field has a help icon (?) and a 'Forgot' link. Below the fields is a 'SIGN THIS FAFSA' button with a pencil icon. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'OTHER OPTIONS TO SIGN AND SUBMIT', 'SIGNATURE STATUS', and 'NEXT'. The footer of the page includes 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, June 30, 2019' and a 'Download Adobe Reader' link.

- Student and parent must enter FSA IDs to electronically sign
- Click **Submit My FAFSA Now**

After FAFSA Submission

- Receive e-mail notification when FAFSA is processed
- FAFSA information is sent to school(s) listed
- School(s) use the FAFSA information to determine financial aid eligibility
- School(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they have determined the total aid they can offer you
- Contact your school(s) with questions about your financial aid award