

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.

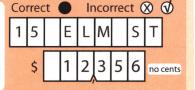
Filling Out the FAFSA*

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

For help in filling out the FAFSA, go to www.studentaid.ed.gov/completefafsa 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:



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 *, MH *, MP *, NE, NM, NV *, PR, PW *, SD *, TX, UT, VA *, VI *, 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)
- Academic Challenge June 1, 2012 (date received)
 Workforce Grant Contact the financial aid office. Higher Education Opportunity Grant - June 1, 2012 (date received)
- Initial awards March 2, 2012 + * Additional community college awards - September 2, 2012 (date postmarked) + *
- February 15, 2012 (date received) # *
- DC June 30, 2012 (date received) * For priority consideration, submit application by May 15, 2012.
- DF April 15, 2012 (date received)
- May 15, 2012 (date processed) FI
- July 1, 2012 (date received); earlier priority deadlines IA
- may exist for certain programs.

 Opportunity Grant March 1, 2012 (date received) # * ID
- IL As soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards made until funds are depleted.
- IN March 10, 2012 (date received)
- 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)
- May 1, 2012 (date received) ME
- March 1, 2012 (date received) MI
- MN 30 days after term starts (date received)
- April 2, 2012 (date received)
- MS MTAG and MESG Grants - September 15, 2012 (date
- HELP Scholarship March 31, 2012 (date received) MT March 1, 2012 (date received) #
- As soon as possible after January 1, 2012. Awards NC
- made until funds are depleted.
- April 15, 2012 (date received) # Early priority deadlines ND may exist for institutional programs.
- NH is not offering a state grant this year.
- 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 term only (date received)
- NY June 30, 2013 (date received) + October 1, 2012 (date received)
- OH OK
- March 1, 2012 (date received) #
- OSAC Private Scholarships March 1, 2012 (date received) Oregon Opportunity Grant - February 1, 2012 (date received)
- All first-time applicants at a community college; a business/trade/technical school; a hospital 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)
- March 1, 2012 (date received) #
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 form may be required.

Notes for questions 14 and 15 (page 3)

If you are an eligible noncitizen, write in your eight- or nine-digit Alien Registration Number. Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are (1) a permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); (2) a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C); (3) the holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant;" or (4) the holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking."

If you are in the U.S. on an F1 or F2 student visa, a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, or a G series visa (pertaining to international organizations), select "No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen." You will not be eligible for federal student aid; however, you should still complete the application because you may be eligible for state or college aid.

Notes for questions 16 and 17 (page 3)

Report your marital status as of the date you sign your FAFSA. If your marital status changes after you sign your FAFSA, check with the **financial aid office at the college**. According to the Defense of Marriage Act (1996), "...the word 'marriage' means a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife." Therefore, same-sex unions are not considered marriages for federal purposes, including the FAFSA.

Notes for question 22 (page 3)

The Selective Service System, and the registration requirement for young men, preserves America's ability to provide manpower in an emergency to the U.S. Armed Forces. Almost all men—ages 18 through 25—must register. For more information about Selective Service, visit www.sss.gov.

Notes for questions 33 (page 4) and 80 (page 6)

If you filed or will file a foreign tax return, a tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory (e.g., Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Swain's Island or the Northern Marianas Islands) or one of the Freely Associated States (i.e., the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia), use the information from that return to fill out this form. If you filed a foreign return, convert all monetary units to U.S. dollars, using the exchange rate that is in effect today. To view the daily exchange rate, go to www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/current.

Notes for questions 34 (page 4) and 81 (page 6)

In general, a person is eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she makes less than \$100,000, does not itemize deductions, does not receive income from his or her own business or farm and does not receive alimony. A person is not eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she makes \$100,000 or more, itemizes deductions, receives income from his or her own business or farm, is self-employed, receives alimony or is required to file Schedule D for capital gains. If you filed a 1040 only to claim American Opportunity, Hope or Lifetime Learning credits, and you would have otherwise been eligible for a 1040A or 1040EZ, answer "Yes" to this question. If you filed a 1040 and were not required to file a tax return, answer "Yes" to this question.

Notes for questions 37 (page 4)

and 85 (page 7) — Notes for those who filed a 1040EZ

On the 1040EZ, if a person didn't check either box on line 5, enter 01 if he or she is single, or 02 if he or she is married. If a person checked either the "you" or "spouse" box on line 5, use 1040EZ worksheet line F to determine the number of exemptions (\$3,700 equals one exemption).

Notes for questions 41 and 42 (page 4)

and 89 and 90 (page 7)

Net worth means current value minus debt. If net worth is negative, enter 0.

Investments include real estate (do not include the home you live in), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

Investments also include qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans). For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and/or the student's spouse) are reported as student investments in question 41. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments in question 89, including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.

Investments do not include the home you live in, the value of life insurance, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or cash, savings and checking accounts already reported in questions 40 and 88.

Investments also do not include UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

Business value does not include the value of a small business if your family owns and controls more than 50 percent of the business and the business has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. For small business value, your family includes (1) persons directly related to you, such as a parent, sister or cousin, or (2) persons who are or were related to you by marriage, such as a spouse, stepparent or sister-in-law.

Investment farm value does not include the value of a family farm that you (your spouse and/or your parents) live on and operate.

Notes for questions 48 (page 5)

Answer "Yes" if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes.

Answer "No" if you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for state or training purposes.

Notes for question 49 (page 5)

Answer "Yes" (you are a veteran) if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer "Yes" if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2013.

Answer "No" (you are not a veteran) if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, (2) are currently an ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (4) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces but released under dishonorable conditions.

Also answer "**No**" if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2013.



Free Application for Federal Student Aid July 1, 2012 — June 30, 2013



Step One (Student): For questions 1-31, leave blank any questions that do not apply to you (the student). OMB # 1845-0001 Your full name (exactly as it appears on your Social Security card) If your name has a suffix, such as Jr. or III, include a space between your last name and suffix.					
1. Last name 2. First name 3. Middle initial					
Your mailing address 4. Number and street (include apt. number)					
5. City (and country if not U.S.) 6. State 7. ZIP code					
8. Your Social Security Number 9. Your date of birth 10. Your permanent telephone number ()) - - - - - - - - -					
Your driver's license number and driver's license state (if you have one) 11. Driver's license number 12. Driver's license state					
13. Your e-mail address. If you provide your e-mail address, we will communicate with you electronically. For example, when your FAFSA has been processed, you will be notified by e-mail. Your e-mail address will also be shared with your state and the colleges listed on your FAFSA to allow them to communicate with you. If you prefer to be contacted by postal mail or do not have an e-mail address, leave this field blank.					
14. Are you a U.S. citizen (U.S. national). Skip to question 16					
16. What is your marital status as of today? See Notes page 2. I am single					
18. What is your state of legal residence? 19. Did you become a legal resident of this state before January 1, 2007? 19. Did you become a legal resident of this state before January 1, 2007? 19. Did you become a legal resident of the answer to question 19 is "No," give month and year you became a legal resident.					
21. Are you male or female? Male Female Male Female Male D 1 22. If female, skip to question 23. Most male students must register with Selective Service to receive federal aid. If you are male, age 18-25 and not registered, fill in the circle and we will register you. See Notes page 2.					
23. Have you been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (such as grants, loans or work-study)? Answer "No" if you have never received federal student aid or if you have never had a drug conviction while receiving federal student aid. If you have a drug conviction for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid, answer "Yes," but complete and submit this application, and we will mail you a worksheet to help you determine if your conviction affects your eligibility for aid. If you are unsure how to answer this question, call 1-800-433-3243 for help.					
Some states and colleges offer aid based on the level of schooling your parents completed. 24. Highest school your father completed Middle school/Jr. high					
25. Highest school your mother completed Middle school/Jr. high					
26. When you begin college in the 2012-2013 school year, what will be your high school completion status?					
High school diploma. Answer question 27					

27. What is the name of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma? Enter the complete high school name, and the city and state where the high school is located. 28. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2012?						
High School City	STATE Yes O 1 No O 2					
29. When you begin the 2012-2013 school year, what will be your grade level?	30. When you begin the 2012-2013 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?					
Never attended college and 1st year undergraduate 0 Attended college before and 1st year undergraduate 0 2nd year undergraduate/sophomore 0 3rd year undergraduate/junior 0 4th year undergraduate/senior 0 5th year/other undergraduate 0 1st year graduate/professional 0 6 Continuing graduate/professional or beyond 0 7	1st bachelor's degree					
31. Are you interested in being considered for work-study?	Yes O ¹ No O ² Don't know O ³					
Step Two (Student): Answer questions 32–57 about yourself (the student). If you are single, separated, divorced or widowed, answer only about yourself. If you are married or remarried as of today, include information about your spouse (husband or wife).						
32. For 2011, have you (the student) completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return listed in question 33?	33. What income tax return did you file or will you file for 2011? IRS 1040					
I have already completed my return	IRS 1040A or 1040EZ					
I will file but have not yet completed my return	A foreign tax return. See Notes page 2					
I'm not going to file. Skip to question 38	A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State. See Notes page 2. 4					
34. If you have filed or will file a 1040, were you eligible to file a 1040A or 1 See Notes page 2.	040EZ? Yes ○ ¹ No ○ ² Don't know ○ ³					
For questions 35–44, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter 0. Report whole dollar amounts with no cents.						
35. What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2011? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4.						
36. Enter your (and spouse's) income tax for 2011. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 55; 1040A—line 35; or 1040EZ—line 10.						
37. Enter your (and spouse's) exemptions for 2011. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or Form 1040A—line 6d. For Form 1040EZ, see Notes page 2.						
Questions 38 and 39 ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2011. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms, or on IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); on 1040A—line 7; or on 1040EZ—line 1. If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.						
38. How much did you earn from working in 2011?	\$					
39. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2011?	\$					
40. As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cas student financial aid.	h, savings and checking accounts? Don't include \$					
41. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, live in. Net worth means current value minus debt. See Notes page 2.	including real estate? Don't include the home you \$					
42. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time e						

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43. Student's 2011 Additional Financial Information (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.) a. Education credits (American Opportunity, Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040—line 49 or 1040A—line 31.	\$	П	TT	П
b. Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your	\$	H	十	
household, as reported in question 93.	٦	H	+	4
c. Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.	\$	Ц	<u> </u>	
d. Taxable student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your adjusted gross income . Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.	\$	Ц		
e. Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your adjusted gross income. Don't include untaxed combat pay.	\$	Ш		
f. Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college.	\$			
44. Student's 2011 Untaxed Income (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.)	mark an	_		
a. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S.	\$	Ц		
b. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040—line 28 + line 32 or 1040A—line 17.	\$	Ш		
c. Child support received for any of your children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.	\$			
d. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 8b or 1040A—line 8b.	\$			
e. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A—lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	\$			
f. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A—lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	\$	Ш		
g. Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.	\$			
h. Veterans noneducation benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.	\$			
i. Other untaxed income not reported in items 44a through 44h, such as workers' compensation, disability, etc. Also include the first-time homebuyer tax credit from IRS Form 1040—line 67. Don't include student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion or credit for federal tax on special fuels.	\$		1	H
j. Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form.	3	Ш	人上	
Step Three (Student): Answer the questions in this step to determine if you will need to provide par you answer "Yes" to any of the questions in this step, skip Step Four and go to step.	ocep	nforr ve or	nation. 1 page {	Once 3.
45. Were you born before January 1, 1989?	Yes	01	No	O 2
46. As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)	Yes	0 1	No	O 2
MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?	Yes	0 1	No	O 2
48. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? See Notes page 2	Yes	01	No	O 2
49. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? See Notes page 2.	Yes	0	No	~
50. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013? 51. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their	Yes	0 1	No	O 2
support from you, now and through June 30, 2013?	Yes	0 1	No	O 2
or ward of the court? See Notes page 9.	Yes	01	No	O 2
53. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? See Notes page 9	Yes	0 1	No	O 2
54. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship? See Notes page 9	Yes	01	No	O 2
55. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? See Notes page 9.	Yes	0 1	No	O 2
 56. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? See Notes page 9. 57. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living 	Yes	01	No	O 2
program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? See Notes page 9.	Yes	01	No	O 2