

5 REASONS

# YOU SHOULD FILL OUT THE FAFSA

Not really sure whether you or your child should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or whether it affects you?

You should — and it probably does.

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## IT'S FREE.

The FAFSA doesn't cost anything to complete.

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## IT'S EASY.

The application has been majorly simplified over the past few years — and there are helpful pointers throughout.

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## IT'S FAST.

It takes most students just 25 minutes to complete the FAFSA, less time than it would take to watch your favorite show.

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## YOU PROBABLY QUALIFY.

More people qualify for federal student aid than you think — chances are, you're leaving money on the table by not applying.

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## IT MAY BE REQUIRED.

Many states, schools, and private scholarships require you to submit the FAFSA before they'll consider you for any financial aid.

# FAFSA.GOV



## Everything you need to apply for the FAFSA



### 1. FSA ID

If you're a dependent, both you and a parent will need to sign up for separate IDs at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov)



### 2. YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY #

and Alien Registration # if you're not a US resident



### 3. DRIVER'S LICENSE

not required if you don't have one



### 4. TAX RETURNS & W-2S

Last year's tax returns, and your parents' if you are a dependent



### 5. BANK STATEMENTS

Cash, checking, savings, money markets, and the like



### 6. ASSETS

Stocks, bonds, investments, real estate, etc.

**FYI** No need to report family trusts, retirement assets, or small, family-owned businesses



### 7. UNTAXED INCOME

Child support, interest income, gov't issued benefits, etc.



### 8. LIST OF SCHOOLS

include all you plan on applying too, even if not accepted yet



### 9. 60 MINUTES

Once you've gathered all your paperwork, expect the FAFSA application to take about an hour

## What Funding Sources Require FAFSA Submission?

- Athletic Scholarships
- Merit AID
- Federal Work Study
- California Board of Governors Waiver (BOG Waiver)
- Middle Class Scholarship (Family Income Ceiling \$150,000)
- GI Bill/Military Service Grants
- Foster Youth CHAFEE Grant
- Child Development Grant
- Community College Promise Program
- Submission by March 2 of any year gives priority to those who submit by this date

\*Any school or program that receives federal funds will require FAFSA submission for the student to qualify for funding.