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for new Mainers

Financial aid can make paying for higher education much easier! All students should submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). All schools use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal and state financial aid, and many schools use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for their institutional financial aid.



1. Gather information

Both the student and the parent(s) will need the following information to create a StudentAid.gov account and file the FAFSA. Gathering it ahead of time will make the process easier.

- Social Security number*
- Alien Registration Number, if applicable
- Email Address
- Federal Tax Return for the applicable year

* Parents who don't have a Social Security number can still create an account. See [How to Create a StudentAid.gov Account for those without a Social Security number](#) for instructions. When creating a StudentAid.gov account and filing the FAFSA, click the box indicating you don't have a Social Security number and provide the required information.



2. Create a Federal StudentAid.gov account at [StudentAid.gov](#)

When you create a Federal StudentAid.gov account, you'll set up a username and password. You'll need your StudentAid.gov username and password to access the FAFSA. It also serves as your legal signature.

All students need to create a StudentAid.gov account, and at least one parent will need to create one as well. If parents live together but aren't married or don't file a joint tax return, both will need to create their own StudentAid.gov accounts. You'll need your StudentAid.gov account for years to come, so we recommend using the appropriate FAME resource to keep track of your information:

- Download the [StudentAid.gov Account Information Sheet \(for those with a Social Security number\)](#)
- Download [How to Create a Federal StudentAid.gov Account for those without a Social Security number](#)



3. File the FAFSA at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

The FAFSA has a student section and a parent section. Either the student or the parent can start the FAFSA. Whoever starts the FAFSA will need to “invite” the other person to complete their section by providing the other person’s legal name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address.

FAFSA Help

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