

FAFSA FORM 2008-2009



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Use this form to apply free for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans.

Or apply free online
at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.

Applying by the Deadlines

For federal aid, submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2008. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2009. Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2008–2009 school year.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as January 2008. 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.ed.gov**. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

Using Your Tax Return

If you are supposed to file a 2007 federal income tax return, we recommend that you complete it before filling out this form. If you have not yet filed your return, you can still submit your FAFSA, but you must provide income and tax information. Once you file your tax return, correct any income or tax information that is different from what you initially submitted on your FAFSA.

Filling Out the FAFSA

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 squares completely:
- print clearly in CAPITAL letters and skip a box between words:
- report dollar amounts (such as \$12,356.41) like this:

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Orange is for student information and purple is for parent information.

If you or your family has unusual circumstances (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 to attend.

For more information or help in filling out the FAFSA, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). TTY users (for the hearing-impaired) may call 1-800-730-8913. Or visit our Web site at **www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov**.

Mailing Your FAFSA

After you complete this application, mail only pages 7 through 10 to: Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 4692, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-4692. Do not send the worksheets on page 5. Print or make a copy of the entire completed form for your records.

If you do not receive the results of your application—a *Student Aid Report (SAR)*—within three weeks, please check online at **www.fafsa.ed.gov** or call 1-800-433-3243. If you provided your e-mail address in question 13, you will receive information about your application within a few days after we process it.

Let's Get Started!

Now go to page 7 of the application form and begin filling it out. Refer to the notes as instructed.

STATE AID DEADLINES

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories:

AL, *AS, CO, *FM, GA, *GU, *HI, *MH, *MP, NE, *NM, *NV, OR, PR, *PW, *SD, *TX, UT, *VA, *VI, *VT, WA, WI and *WY.

- AK April 15, 2008 *(date received)*
- AR Academic Challenge - June 1, 2008
Workforce Grant - Contact your financial aid administrator.
Higher Education Opportunity Grant - June 1, 2008 (fall term)
- November 1, 2008 (spring term) *(date received)*
- AZ June 30, 2009 *(date received)*
- *^ CA Initial awards - March 2, 2008
Additional community college awards - September 2, 2008 *(date postmarked)*
- #* CT February 15, 2008 *(date received)*
- * DC June 30, 2008 *(date received by state)*
- DE April 15, 2008 *(date received)*
- FL May 15, 2008 *(date processed)*
- ^ IA July 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- *# ID March 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- # IL First-time applicants - September 30, 2008
Continuing applicants - August 15, 2008 *(date received)*
- IN March 10, 2008 *(date received)*
- #* KS April 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- # KY March 15, 2008 *(date received)*
- ^ LA July 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- #^ MA May 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- MD March 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- ME May 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- MI March 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- MN 30 days after term starts *(date received)*
- MO April 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- # MS MTAG and MESH Grants - September 15, 2008
HELP Scholarship - March 31, 2008 *(date processed)*
- # MT March 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- NC March 15, 2008 *(date received)*
- ND March 15, 2008 *(date received)*
- NH May 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- ^ NJ June 1, 2008, if you received a Tuition Aid Grant in 2007–2008
All other applicants
- October 1, 2008, fall & spring terms
- March 1, 2009, spring term only *(date received)*
- *^ NY May 1, 2009 *(date received)*
- OH October 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- # OK April 15, 2008 *(date received)* for best consideration
- * PA All 2007–2008 State Grant recipients & all non-2007–2008 State Grant recipients in degree programs - May 1, 2008
All other applicants - August 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- # RI March 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- SC Tuition Grants - June 30, 2008 *(date received)*
- # TN State Grant - March 1, 2008
State Lottery - September 1, 2008 *(date received)*
- *^ WV March 1, 2008 *(date received)*

STATE AID DEADLINES

- # For priority consideration, submit application by date specified.
- ^ Applicants encouraged to obtain proof of mailing.
- * Additional form may be required.

Notes for question 13 (page 7)

We will use this e-mail address to correspond with you. You will receive your FAFSA results through a secure link, sent to the e-mail address you provide. Leave blank if you prefer to receive information through regular mail. We will only share this address with the colleges you list on the form and your state. They may use the e-mail address to communicate with you.

Notes for questions 14–15 (page 7)

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 (I-551C); or (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), "Victim of human trafficking," T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.), or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant." 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), you must fill in oval c. If you are neither a citizen nor an eligible noncitizen, you are not eligible for federal student aid. However, you may be eligible for state or college aid.

Notes for question 16 (page 7)

Report your marital status as of the date you sign your FAFSA. If your marital status changes after you sign your FAFSA, you must not change this information.

Notes for question 23 (page 7) — Enter the correct number in the box in question 23.

- Enter **1** for 1st bachelor's degree.
- Enter **2** for 2nd bachelor's degree.
- Enter **3** for associate degree (occupational or technical program).
- Enter **4** for associate degree (general education or transfer program).
- Enter **5** for certificate or diploma for completing an occupational, technical or educational program of less than two years.
- Enter **6** for certificate or diploma for completing an occupational, technical or educational program of at least two years.
- Enter **7** for teaching credential program (nondegree program).
- Enter **8** for graduate or professional degree.
- Enter **9** for other/undecided.

Notes for question 24 (page 7) — Enter the correct number in the box in question 24.

- Enter **0** for never attended college & 1st year undergraduate.
- Enter **1** for attended college before & 1st year undergraduate.
- Enter **2** for 2nd year undergraduate/sophomore.
- Enter **3** for 3rd year undergraduate/junior.
- Enter **4** for 4th year undergraduate/senior.
- Enter **5** for 5th year/other undergraduate.
- Enter **6** for 1st year graduate/professional.
- Enter **7** for continuing graduate/professional or beyond.

Notes for question 25 (page 7) – Enter the correct number in the box in question 25.

For undergraduates, an enrollment status of "full-time" generally means taking at least 12 credit hours in a term or 24 clock hours per week. "3/4-time" generally means taking at least 9 credit hours in a term or 18 clock hours per week. "Half-time" generally means taking at least 6 credit hours in a term or 12 clock hours per week. Provide this information about the college you are most likely to attend.

- Enter **1** for full-time.
- Enter **2** for three-quarter-time.
- Enter **3** for half-time.
- Enter **4** for less than half-time.
- Enter **5** for don't know.

Notes for question 26 (page 7) – Enter the correct number in the box in question 26.

- Enter a number to indicate if you are interested in other types of student financial aid, in addition to grants.
- Enter **1** for work-study (student aid that you earn through work).
 - Enter **2** for student loans (which you must pay back).
 - Enter **3** for both work-study and student loans.
 - Enter **4** for neither.
 - Enter **5** for don't know.

Notes for question 27 (page 7) – Enter the correct number in the box in question 27.

- Enter **1** for high school diploma.
- Enter **2** for General Educational Development (GED) certificate.
- Enter **3** for home schooled.
- Enter **4** for other.

Notes for questions 29–30 (page 7)

Some states and colleges offer aid based on the level of schooling your parents completed.

Notes for questions 33 c. and d. (page 8) and 77 c. and d. (page 9)

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 figures 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/update.

Notes for questions 34 (page 8) and 78 (page 9)

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 Hope or Lifetime Learning credits, and you would have otherwise been eligible for a 1040A or 1040EZ, you should answer "Yes" to this question. If you filed a 1040 and were not required to file a tax return, you should answer "Yes" to this question.

Notes for questions 37 (page 8)

and 81 (page 9) – Notes for those who filed a 1040EZ

On the 1040EZ, if a person checked either the “you” or “spouse” box on line 5, use EZ worksheet line F to determine the number of exemptions (\$3,400 equals one exemption). 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.

Notes for questions 38–39 (page 8)

and 82–83 (page 9)

These questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, combat pay, etc.) in 2007. 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 of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1.

Notes for questions 43–45 (page 8)

and 87–89 (page 10)

By applying online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, you may be eligible to skip some questions. If you do not apply online, you will not be penalized for completing questions 43–45 and 87–89 on the paper FAFSA.

Net worth means current value minus debt. If net worth is one million dollars or more, enter \$999,999. 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, Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans, the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. For more information about reporting education savings plans, call 1-800-433-3243. 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.

Investments do not include the home you live in, the value of life insurance, retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or cash, savings and checking accounts already reported in 43 and 87.

Note: Students who must report parental information on this form should report all qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts owned by the parents—including Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans, and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans—in question 88. If the account is owned by a student who must report parental information, the value of the account is not to be reported. If the account is owned by a student (or the student’s spouse) who is not reporting parental information, the value is to be reported as an investment in question 44.

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.

Do not include the value of a family farm that you (your spouse and/or your parents) live on and operate. **Do not include** the value of a small business that you (your spouse and/or your parents) own and control and that has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.

Notes for question 54 (page 8)

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 55 (page 8)

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 purposes other than training, 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, 2009.

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 or (3) are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee activated only for training.

Also answer “**No**” if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2009.

Notes for questions 56–89 (pages 9 and 10) Step Four: Who is considered a parent in this step?

Read these notes to determine who is considered a parent on this form. Answer all questions in Step Four about your parents, even if you do not live with them.

Grandparents, foster parents and legal guardians are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you.

If your parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about them.

If your parent is widowed or single, answer the questions about that parent. If your widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the person whom your parent married (your stepparent).

If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. (If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.) If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions on the rest of this form about that parent and the person whom your parent married (your stepparent).

Notes for question 66 (page 9)

Include in your parents’ household (see previous notes for who is considered a parent):

- your parents and yourself, even if you don’t live with your parents,

Information on the Privacy Act and use of your Social Security Number

We use the information that you provide on this form to determine if you are eligible to receive federal student financial aid and the amount that you are eligible to receive. Sections 483 and 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, give us the authority to ask you and your parents these questions, and to collect the Social Security Numbers of you and your parents. We use your Social Security Number to verify your identity and retrieve your records, and we may request your Social Security Number again for those purposes.

State and institutional student financial aid programs may also use the information that you provide on this form to determine if you are eligible to receive state and institutional aid and the need that you have for such aid. Therefore, we will disclose the information that you provide on this form to each institution you list in questions 97a–97h, state agencies in your state of legal residence and the state agencies of the states in which the colleges that you list in questions 97a–97h are located.

If you are applying solely for federal aid, you must answer all of the following questions that apply to you: 1–9, 14–16, 18, 21–22, 27–28, 31–36, 38–45, 48–56, 58–68, 71–80, 82–96 and 98–99. If you do not answer these questions, you will not receive federal aid.

Without your consent, we may disclose information that you provide to entities under a published “routine use.” Under such a routine use, we may disclose information to third parties that we have authorized to assist us in administering the above programs; to other federal agencies under computer matching programs, such as those with the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, Selective Service System, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice and Veterans Affairs; to your parents or spouse; and to members of Congress if you ask them to help you with student aid questions.

If the federal government, the U.S. Department of Education, or an employee of the U.S. Department of Education is involved in litigation, we may send information to the Department of Justice, or a court or adjudicative body, if the disclosure is related to financial aid and certain conditions are met. In addition, we may send your information to a foreign, federal, state, or local enforcement agency if the information that you submitted indicates a violation or potential violation of law, for which that agency has jurisdiction for investigation or prosecution. Finally, we may send information regarding a claim that is determined to be valid and overdue to a consumer reporting agency. This information includes identifiers from the record; the amount, status and history of the claim; and the program under which the claim arose.

State Certification

By submitting this application, you are giving your state financial aid agency permission to verify any statement on this form and to obtain income tax information for all persons required to report income on this form.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 says that no one is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number, which for this form is 1845-0001. The time required to complete this form is estimated to be one hour, including time to review instructions, search data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments about this estimate or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:

U.S. Department of Education, Washington DC 20202-4700.

We may request additional information from you to process your application more efficiently. We will collect this additional information only as needed and on a voluntary basis.

Notes for question 66 (page 9) continued from page 3

- your parents’ other children if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, or (b) the children could answer “No” to every question in Step Three on page 8 of this form, and
- other people if they now live with your parents, your parents provide more than half of their support and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

Notes for question 67 (page 9)

Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. Include others only if they will attend, at least half-time in 2008–2009, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

Notes for questions 71–75 (page 9)

Mark a square for each federal benefit program if you, your parents, or anyone in your parents’ household received benefits from the program at any time during 2007. Use the Notes for question 66 to identify who is included in your parents’ household. Answering these questions will not reduce your eligibility for student aid or these other federal benefits. The federal benefit programs are listed below:

71. Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI)
72. Food Stamp Program
73. Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Program
74. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
75. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Notes for question 90 (page 10)

Include in your (and your spouse’s) household:

- yourself (and your spouse, if you have one),
- your children, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, and
- other people if they now live with you, you provide more than half of their support and you will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

Notes for question 91 (page 10)

Always count yourself as a college student. Include others only if they will attend, at least half-time in 2008–2009, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

Notes for questions 92–96 (page 10)

Mark a square for each federal benefit program if you (or your spouse if you are married) or anyone in your household received benefits from the program at any time during 2007. Use the Notes for question 90 to identify who is included in your household. Answering these questions will not reduce your eligibility for student aid or these other federal benefits. The federal benefit programs are listed below:

92. Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI)
93. Food Stamp Program
94. Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Program
95. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
96. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Worksheets

Calendar Year 2007

Do not mail these worksheets in with your application.
Keep these worksheets; your college may ask to see them.

Student/Spouse

Worksheet A

Parents

Report Annual Amounts

For question 40		For question 84
\$	Earned income credit from IRS Form 1040—line 66a; 1040A—line 40a; or 1040EZ—line 8a.	\$
\$	Additional child tax credit from IRS Form 1040—line 68 or 1040A—line 41.	\$
\$	Welfare benefits, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Don't include food stamps or subsidized housing.	\$
\$	Social Security benefits received, that were not taxed (such as SSI), for all household members reported in question 90 (or 66 for your parents). Report benefits paid to parents in the Parents column, and benefits paid directly to student (or spouse) in the Student/Spouse column.	\$
\$	—Enter in question 40.	Enter in question 84. — \$

Worksheet B

Report Annual Amounts

For question 41		For question 85
\$	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 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S.	\$
\$	IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040—line 28 + line 32 or 1040A—line 17.	\$
\$	Child support received for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.	\$
\$	Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 8b or 1040A—line 8b.	\$
\$	Foreign income exclusion from IRS Form 2555—line 45 or 2555EZ—line 18.	\$
\$	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.	\$
\$	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.	\$
\$	Credit for federal tax on special fuels from IRS Form 4136—line 17 (nonfarmers only).	\$
\$	Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits).	\$
\$	Veterans noneducation benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.	\$
\$	Other untaxed income not reported elsewhere on Worksheets A and B, such as workers' compensation, untaxed portions of railroad retirement benefits, Black Lung Benefits, disability, etc. Tax filers only: report combat pay not included in AGI (FAFSA questions 35 and 79). Don't include student aid, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, combat pay if you are not a tax filer, or benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans).	\$
\$	Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form.	XXXXXXXXXX
\$	—Enter in question 41.	Enter in question 85. — \$

Worksheet C

Report Annual Amounts

For question 42		For question 86
\$	Education credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040—line 49 or 1040A—line 31.	\$
\$	Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your (or your parents') household, as reported in question 90 (or question 66 for your parents).	\$
\$	Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.	\$
\$	Student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your (or your parents') adjusted gross income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant or scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.	\$
\$	—Enter in question 42.	Enter in question 86. — \$

What is the FAFSA?

Why fill out a FAFSA?

The FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) is the first step in the financial aid process. You use it to apply for federal student financial aid, such as grants, loans and work-study. In addition, most states and colleges use information from the FAFSA to award nonfederal aid.

Why all the questions?

We enter your responses to the FAFSA questions into a formula from the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The result is your Expected Family Contribution, or EFC. The EFC measures your family's financial strength. It is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Your state and the colleges you list may also use some of your responses. They will determine if you may be eligible for school or state aid, in addition to federal aid.

How do I find out what my Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is?

We will send you a report called a *Student Aid Report*, or SAR, through the mail or the Internet. The SAR lists the information you reported on your FAFSA and will tell you your EFC. It is important to review your SAR when you receive it. Make sure all of your information is correct. Make any necessary changes or provide additional information.

How much aid do I get?

Your EFC, along with the rest of your FAFSA information, is made available to all the colleges you list in Step Six of the FAFSA. The colleges use your EFC to prepare a financial aid package to help you meet your financial need. Financial need is the difference between your EFC and your college's cost of attendance (which can include living expenses), as determined by the college. If you or your family have special circumstances that should be taken into account, contact your college's financial aid office. Some examples of special circumstances are: unusual medical or dental expenses or a large change in income from last year to this year.

When do I get the aid?

Any financial aid you are eligible to receive will be paid to you through your college. Typically, your college will first use the aid to pay tuition, fees and room and board (if provided by the college). Any remaining aid is paid to you for your other educational expenses.

If you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, you may receive it from only one college for the same period of enrollment.

How can I have more colleges receive my FAFSA information?

If you are filing a paper FAFSA, you can indicate up to four colleges to receive your information. You may add more colleges to your record once your FAFSA is processed. There are three ways to do this.

1. If you have a Federal Student Aid PIN, go to *FAFSA on the Web* at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Select the "Add or Delete a School Code" link to add school codes to your FAFSA.
2. If you do not have a PIN, wait until you receive your *Student Aid Report* (SAR) either by e-mail or by postal mail. Look for the four-digit Data Release Number (DRN) on the first page of your SAR, and then call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). The DRN, along with your name and Social Security number, verifies your identity and allows a customer service representative to add additional school codes to your FAFSA.
3. The financial aid administrator at your college can add their school code to your FAFSA, if you provide the college with your DRN.

Note: If you need information to go to more than four colleges, you can use *FAFSA on the Web* or the FED-AID phone number to add up to six new school codes to your FAFSA. However, if you exceed the ten-college limit, any new school codes that you add will replace the same number of original school codes.

Where can I get more information on student aid?

The best place for information about student financial aid is the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. The financial aid administrator can tell you about student aid available from your state, the college itself and other sources.

You can also check out these resources:

- www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov
- www.students.gov
- The Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)
TTY users (for the hearing-impaired) may call 1-800-730-8913
- Your high school counselor's office
- Your state aid agency
- Your local library's reference section

Information about other nonfederal assistance may be available from foundations, religious organizations, community organizations and civic groups, as well as organizations related to your field of interest, such as the American Medical Association or American Bar Association. Check with your parents' employers or unions to see if they award scholarships or have tuition payment plans.

Step One: For questions 1–30, leave blank any questions that do not apply to you (the student).

Your full name (exactly as it appears on your Social Security card)

1. Last name	2. First name	3. Middle initial
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Your permanent mailing address

4. Number and street (include apt. number)	5. City (and country if not U.S.)	6. State	7. ZIP code
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8. Your Social Security Number	9. Your date of birth MONTH DAY	10. Your permanent telephone number
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11. Your driver's license number	12. Your driver's license state
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13. Your e-mail address. See Notes page 2.

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14. Are you a U.S. citizen? Mark one. See Notes page 2.	a. Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (U.S. national). Skip to question 16. 1 b. No, but I am an eligible noncitizen. Fill in question 15. .. 2 c. No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen..... 3	15. Alien Registration Number	A
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16. What is your marital status as of today? See Notes page 2.	I am single, divorced or widowed 1 I am married/remarried 2 I am separated..... 3	17. Month and year you were married, separated, divorced or widowed	MONTH YEAR
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18. What is your state of legal residence?	STATE	19. Did you become a legal resident of this state before January 1, 2003?	Yes 1 No 2	20. If the answer to question 19 is "No," give month and year you became a legal resident.	MONTH YEAR
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21. Are you male or female? (Most male students must register with Selective Service to get federal aid.)	Male 1 Female 2
22. If you are male (age 18–25) and not registered, answer "Yes" and Selective Service will register you.	Yes 1 No 2

23. What degree or certificate will you be working on during the 2008–2009 school year? See Notes page 2 and enter the correct number in the box.	24. What will be your grade level when you begin the 2008–2009 school year? See Notes page 2 and enter the correct number in the box.
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25. At the start of the 2008–2009 school year, what do you expect your enrollment status to be? See Notes page 2 and enter the correct number in the box.	26. What types of student aid interest you? See Notes page 2 and enter the correct number in the box.
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27. If you will complete high school or its equivalent before you begin the 2008–2009 school year, enter the correct number in the box. See Notes page 2.	28. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2008?	Yes 1 No 2
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29. Highest school your father completed:	Middle School/Jr. High 1 High School 2 College or beyond 3 Other/unknown 4
30. Highest school your mother completed:	Middle School/Jr. High 1 High School 2 College or beyond 3 Other/unknown 4

31. Do not leave this question blank. 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)? If you have, answer "Yes," complete and submit this application, and we will send you a worksheet in the mail for you to 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.	No 1 Yes 3
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Step Two: Answer questions 32–55 about yourself (the student). If you are married as of today, include information about your spouse (your husband or wife). If you are single, separated, divorced or widowed, answer only about yourself.

32. For 2007, have you (the student) completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return listed in question 33?
 a. I have already completed my return. ¹ b. I will file, but I have not yet completed my return. ² c. I'm not going to file. (Skip to question 38.) ³
33. What income tax return did you file or will you file for 2007?
 a. IRS 1040 ¹ c. A foreign tax return. **See Notes page 2.** ³
 b. IRS 1040A or 1040EZ ² d. 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 1040EZ? **See Notes page 2.** Yes ¹ No ² Don't Know ³

For questions 35–47, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter 0.

35. What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2007? 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 2007. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 57; 1040A—line 35; or 1040EZ—line 10. \$
37. Enter your (and spouse's) exemptions for 2007. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or on Form 1040A—line 6d. For Form 1040EZ, see Notes page 3.
38. How much did you earn from working in 2007? **See Notes page 3.** You \$
39. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2007? **See Notes page 3.** Your Spouse \$
- Student (and Spouse) Worksheets (40–42)

40-42. Go to Page 5 and complete the columns on the left of Worksheets A, B and C. Enter the student (and spouse) totals in questions 40, 41 and 42, respectively. Even though you may have few of the Worksheet items, check each line carefully.

Worksheet A (40) \$

Worksheet B (41) \$

Worksheet C (42) \$
43. As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? Do not include student financial aid. \$
44. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate (not your home)? Net worth means current value minus debt. **See Notes page 3.** \$
45. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms? For a family farm or family business, see Notes page 3. \$
- 46-47. If you receive veterans education benefits, for how many months from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, will you receive these benefits, and what amount will you receive per month? Do not include your spouse's veterans education benefits. Months (46)
- Monthly Amount (47) \$

Step Three: Answer all eight questions (48-55) in this step.

48. Were you born before January 1, 1985? Yes ¹ No ²
49. At the beginning of the 2008–2009 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)? Yes ¹ No ²
50. As of today, are you married? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.) Yes ¹ No ²
51. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you? Yes ¹ No ²
52. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2009? Yes ¹ No ²
53. Are (a) both of your parents deceased, or (b) are you (or were you until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court? Yes ¹ No ²
54. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? **See Notes page 3.** Yes ¹ No ²
55. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? **See Notes page 3.** Yes ¹ No ²

If you (the student) answered "No" to every question in Step Three, go to Step Four.

If you answered "Yes" to any question in Step Three, skip Step Four and go to Step Five on page 10.

(Health Profession Students: Your college may require you to complete Step Four even if you answered "Yes" to any Step Three question.)

Step Four: Complete this step if you (the student) answered “No” to all questions in Step Three. Go to Notes page 3 to determine who is a parent for this step.

56. What is your parents’ marital status as of today?				57. Month and year they were married, separated, divorced or widowed		MONTH	YEAR
Married/Remarried	1	Divorced/Separated	3				
Single	2	Widowed	4				

What are the Social Security Numbers, names and dates of birth of the parents reporting information on this form? If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, you must enter 000-00-0000. Enter two digits for each day and month (e.g., for May 31, enter 05 31).

58. FATHER’S/STEPFATHER’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	59. FATHER’S/STEPFATHER’S LAST NAME, AND	60. FIRST INITIAL	61. FATHER’S/STEPFATHER’S DATE OF BIRTH
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62. MOTHER’S/STEPMOTHER’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	63. MOTHER’S/STEPMOTHER’S LAST NAME, AND	64. FIRST INITIAL	65. MOTHER’S/STEPMOTHER’S DATE OF BIRTH
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66. Go to Notes page 3 to determine how many people are in your parents’ household. Enter that number here.	67. Go to Notes page 4 to determine how many in question 66 (exclude your parents) will be college students between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009. Enter that number here.
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68. What is your parents’ state of legal residence?	STATE	69. Did your parents become legal residents of this state before January 1, 2003?	Yes 1	No 2	70. If the answer to question 69 is “No,” give month and year legal residency began for the parent who has lived in the state the longest.	MONTH	YEAR
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In 2007, did you, your parents or anyone in your parents’ household (from question 66) receive benefits from any of the federal benefit programs listed? Mark all the programs that apply. See Notes page 4.	71. Supplemental Security Income	72. Food Stamps	73. Free or Reduced Price Lunch	74. TANF	75. WIC
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76. For 2007, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return listed in question 77?		
a. My parents have already completed their return. 1	b. My parents will file, but they have not yet completed their return. 2	c. My parents are not going to file. (Skip to question 82.) 3

77. What income tax return did your parents file or will they file for 2007?			
a. IRS 1040 1	b. IRS 1040A or 1040EZ 2	c. A foreign tax return. See Notes page 2. 3	d. A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory or freely associated state. See Notes page 2. 4

78. If your parents have filed or will file a 1040, were they eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ? See Notes page 2.	Yes 1	No 2	Don’t Know 3
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For questions 79–89, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0.

79. What was your parents’ adjusted gross income for 2007? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4.	\$
80. Enter your parents’ income tax for 2007. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 57; 1040A—line 35; or 1040EZ—line 10.	\$
81. Enter your parents’ exemptions for 2007. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or on Form 1040A—line 6d. For Form 1040EZ, see Notes page 3.	
82. How much did your father/stepfather earn from working in 2007? See Notes page 3.	Father / Stepfather \$
83. How much did your mother/stepmother earn from working in 2007? See Notes page 3.	Mother / Stepmother \$
Parent Worksheets (84–86)	
84-86. Go to page 5 and complete the columns on the right of Worksheets A, B and C. Enter the parents’ totals in questions 84, 85 and 86, respectively. Even though your parents may have few of the Worksheet items, check each line carefully.	Worksheet A (84) \$
	Worksheet B (85) \$
	Worksheet C (86) \$

87. As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? \$
88. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate (not your parents' home)? Net worth means current value minus debt. See Notes page 3. \$
89. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? For a family farm or family business, see Notes page 3. \$

Step Five: Complete this step only if you (the student) answered "Yes" to any Step Three question.

90. Go to Notes page 4 to determine how many people are in your (and your spouse's) household. Enter that number here.
91. Go to Notes page 4 to determine how many people in question 90 will be college students, attending at least half-time between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009. Enter that number here.

In 2007, did you (or your spouse) or anyone in your household (from question 90) receive benefits from any of the federal benefit programs listed? Mark all that apply. See Notes page 4.

92. Supplemental Security Income
93. Food Stamps
94. Free or Reduced Price Lunch
95. TANF
96. WIC

Step Six: Indicate which colleges you want to receive your FAFSA information.

Enter the six-digit federal school code and your housing plans. Look for the federal school codes at www.fafsa.ed.gov, at your college financial aid office, at your public library or by asking your high school guidance counselor. If you cannot get the federal school code, write in the complete name, address, city and state of the college. For state aid, you may wish to list your preferred college first. To have more colleges receive your FAFSA information, read *What is the FAFSA?* on page 6.

1ST FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE	NAME OF COLLEGE	STATE	HOUSING PLANS
97.a	OR		97.b on campus 1
			off campus 2
			with parent 3
2ND FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE	OR		97.d on campus 1
			off campus 2
			with parent 3
3RD FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE	OR		97.f on campus 1
			off campus 2
			with parent 3
4TH FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE	OR		97.h on campus 1
			off campus 2
			with parent 3

Step Seven: Read, sign and date.

If you are the student, by signing this application you certify that you (1) will use federal and/or state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education, (2) are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (3) do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (4) will notify your college if you default on a federal student loan and (5) will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one college for the same period of time.

If you are the parent or the student, by signing this application you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. This information may include U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file. Also, you certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on this application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies. If you sign any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a Personal Identification Number (PIN), you certify that you are the person identified by the PIN and have not disclosed that PIN to anyone else. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

98. Date this form was completed.

MONTH DAY

2008 or 2009

99. Student (Sign below)

1

Parent (A parent from Step Four sign below)

2

If this form was filled out by someone other than you, your spouse or your parents, that person must complete this part.

Preparer's name, firm and address.

100. Preparer's Social Security Number (or 101)

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101. Employer ID number (or 100)

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102. Preparer's signature and date

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COLLEGE USE ONLY:

D/O 1

FAA Signature

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Federal School Code

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DATA ENTRY USE ONLY:

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After you complete this application, mail only pages 7 through 10 to:

Federal Student Aid Programs

P.O. Box 4692

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-4692

Do not send the worksheets on page 5.

Print or make a copy of the entire completed form for your records.