

A focus on FAFSA,
FSA ID and
Financial Aid
State & Federal

Financial Aid

Logansport High School

Logansport High School Guidance Department

- 0 Guidance Director: Mrs. Combs
- 0 Counselors: Mrs. Ashbaugh
Mrs. Chambers
Mr. Dilts
Mrs. Harris
- 0 ACHIEVE Center- Mrs. Lundy
- 0 Graduation Pathways-Mr. Patacsil
- 0 Secretary- Ms. Mata



Scholarships

- 0 Cass County Community Foundation
- 0 Local Scholarships
 - 0 ACHIEVE Center Schoology Group
 - 0 Access Code: DXXF2-DMV9K
 - 0 Naviance
- 0 College Scholarships
- 0 State Aid-\$390 MILLION
- 0 Federal Scholarships-BILLIONS!!



“Regardless of family income, filing the FAFSA is an important first step for anyone interested in education and training beyond high school,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “It’s surprising how much money is left on the table each year because many Hoosiers assume they don’t qualify for state or federal financial aid. There is a significant amount of funding available to help with the cost of college, but you must at least have a FAFSA on file to use it.”

Deadline to Apply
April 15, 2022

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.gov

- 0 FREE!!
- 0 2019 Taxes for 2021-2022 Application
- 0 2020 Taxes for 2022-2023 Application
- 0 State and Federal Money
- 0 Grants – 21st century scholars -- Loans
- 0 Social Security Numbers to create FSA ID
- 0 Class of 2022 = 2022-2023 Application
 - 0 Graduating midterm or Summer Start ??
 - 0 Fill out both 21/22 and 22/23

Mobile Optimized



- FAFSA optimized so can be more easily filed via computer or mobile device

Computer

The image shows the desktop version of the FAFSA login page. It has a white background with a blue border. The title "Log in to the FAFSA" is at the top left. Below it is a paragraph of text explaining the login process. To the right of the text is a small box that says "Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001 App. Exp. 12/31/2019". At the bottom, there are two radio button options: "I am the student" (selected) and "I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State". Between the two options is a blue circle with the word "OR" in white.

Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the **Save Key** that the student made. [Help for parents.](#)

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☒ I am the student

OR

☐ I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

Mobile

The image shows the mobile version of the FAFSA login page. It has a blue header with the word "Login". Below the header is a white box with a blue border. The title "Log in to the FAFSA" is at the top left. Below it is a paragraph of text explaining the login process. To the right of the text is a small box that says "Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001 App. Exp. 12/31/2019". At the bottom, there are two radio button options: "I am the student" (selected) and "I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State". Between the two options is a blue circle with the word "OR" in white. At the very bottom of the page are four small icons: a back arrow, a forward arrow, a share icon, and a book icon.

Login

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FSA ID



► Keys to remember:

- ◆ Unique email for each FSA ID
 - ◆ Encourage students to **NOT** use their high school email
- ◆ Student and 1 parent each need an ID
- ◆ Encourage user to link email and mobile number

A screenshot of the "Create an FSA ID" web form. The form is titled "Create an FSA ID" and "Manage My FSA ID". It includes a "Please enter your:" section with five input fields: "Email", "Confirm Email", "Username", "Password", and "Confirm Password". Each field has a small "X" icon to its right. Below the "Password" field, there is a link that says "I forgot my password, I need to create a new one, or I need to change my password". At the bottom right of the form is a green "Continue" button.

[FSaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)

Attention to Details



- Login is always the student's information
 - ◆ Students login with their FSA ID
 - ◆ Parents can login using student identifiers (Name, DOB and SSN)

A screenshot of the FAFSA login interface. The title is "Log in to the FAFSA". Below the title is a paragraph explaining that only students can use their FSA ID to log in, while parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering their identifiers. A link for "Help for parents" is provided. In the top right corner, there is a box stating "Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001 App. Exp. 12/31/2019". At the bottom, there are two radio button options: "I am the student" (which is selected) and "I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State". An "OR" button is positioned between the two options.

Log in to the FAFSA

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OR

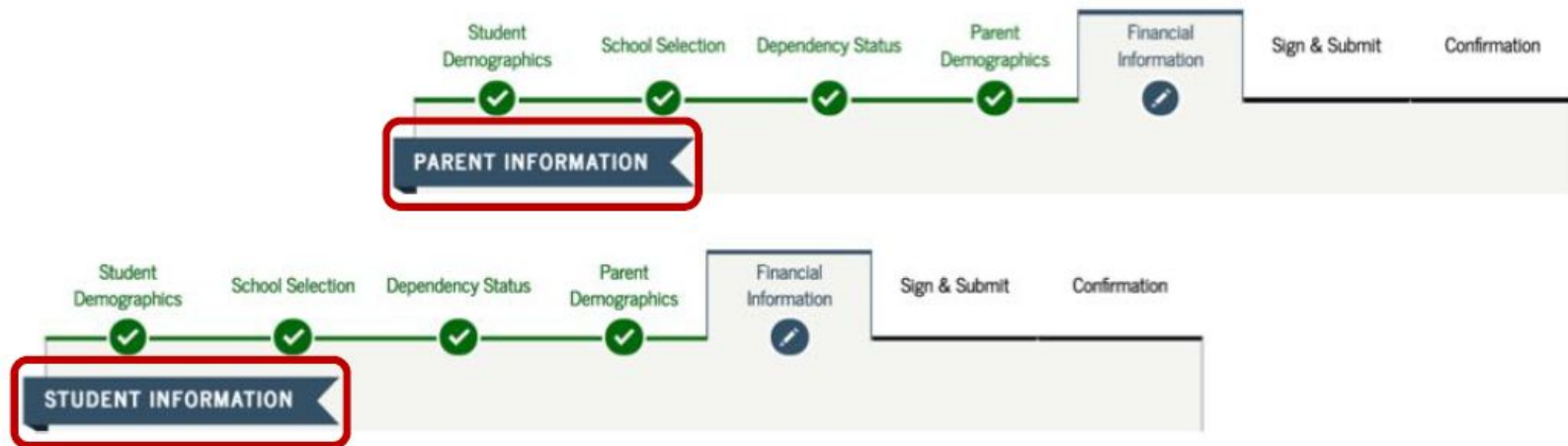
☐ I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

- Questions are always asked from student's perspective

Attention to Details



- Know whose information is requested on the screen
 - ◆ Common issue is parents entering their financial info on student financial section



Who is the Parent on the FAFSA?



- ▶ Biological or adoptive parent is starting point
- ◆ Current marital status then determines whose information is required

Marital Status	Whose information needs provided
Married or unmarried and living together	Both Parents
Divorced, separated or never married and not living together	The parent the student lived with more during the past 12 months. If that time is equal, then provide information for the parent that provided more financial support for the past 12 months.
Remarried after widowed or divorced	Parent and step-parent
Widowed	Single parent



Common Questions

Citizenship & the FAFSA



- Student U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen but parent(s) are not
 - ◆ Student can file the FAFSA
 - ◆ Parent(s) info still required but when asked for SSN – enter all zeros
 - ◆ If parent has SSN for work purposes only – still enter all zeros
 - ◆ Signatures
 - ◆ Student signs with FSA ID
 - ◆ Parent signs by printing signature page and mailing to processor
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students are still not able to complete the FAFSA unless they have a SSN.

Dependency Status Confusion



- Since turning 13, the student
 - ◆ has been in foster care
 - ◆ was an Orphan (both parent's deceased)
 - ◆ was a ward of the court or state

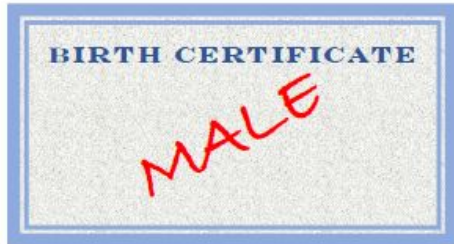
Students are automatically **INDEPENDENT** regardless if their status later changes (i.e. become adopted).

- Legal guardianship makes student **INDEPENDENT**
 - ◆ Legal custody does not equal legal guardianship
 - ◆ Parent's can't be legal guardians

Transgender & Selective Service



- ▶ Selective service registration is required for every male student.
- ▶ Registration requirement based off of birth certificate



- ◆ Must register regardless of student's gender identity



- ◆ Not required to register regardless of student's gender identity

Unaccompanied/Homeless Youth



► Key Definitions

- ◆ Homeless: lack of fixed, regular and adequate housing
 - ◆ Unaccompanied: not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
 - ◆ Youth: 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school when signing the FAFSA
- Financial aid offices are required to confirm student's status via documentation **EACH** year

Unable to Provide Parent Data



- Always a tough situation when parent(s) won't provide their information for the FAFSA
- Options:
 - ◆ Confirm for parent(s) that providing information doesn't obligate them to pay for college and possibly show the loss of free money for the student
 - ◆ Student can indicate they are unable to provide parent data
 - ◆ Will need to talk to the financial aid office at the college they are planning to attend regarding their situation for possible professional judgment
 - ◆ Otherwise only eligible for \$5,500 unsubsidized federal loan as a freshman

The graphic features a dark, textured background. On the left, a bright yellow, irregularly shaped paper-like element is partially visible. To its right, a white rectangular card with a thin double-line border is tilted slightly upwards to the right. The card contains the text "IRS Data Retrieval Tool" in a black, serif font, arranged in two lines. A dark, textured horizontal band runs across the bottom of the image, partially obscuring the bottom edge of the white card.

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

IRS Data Retrieval Tool



➤ Linking taxes straight from IRS still available!

➤ Keys to remember:

◆ Marital status must equal tax filing status

Marital Status on FAFSA	Tax Filing Status Required for IRS DRT
Married or remarried	Married – filing joint return
Single, divorced, separated, widowed or never married and not living together	Single, Head of Household, Qualifying Widow(er)

◆ Address used must match what was submitted on tax return

- ◆ Hint: If trouble matching, visit [USPS.com](https://usps.com) and select the look up Zip Code option to confirm U.S. postal address

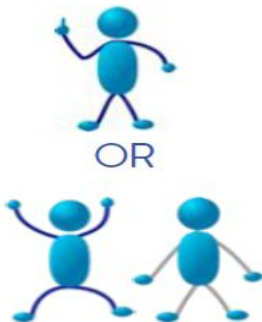
Providing Requested Information



- Best option for tax info is to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
 - ◆ If unable to use IRS DRT then must provide a tax transcript
 - ◆ Go to IRS.gov – Select “Get Your Tax Record”
 - ◆ Get transcript PDF online
 - ◆ Get transcript via mail
 - ◆ Submit form 4506-T
- Complete any other forms requested by the college

Get Transcript Online	Get Transcript by Mail
What You Need To register and use this service, you need: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• your SSN, date of birth, filing status and mailing address from latest tax return,• access to your email account,• your personal account number from a credit card, mortgage, home equity loan, home equity line of credit or car loan, and• a mobile phone with your name on the account.	What You Need To use this service, you need your: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>SSN or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN)</u>,• date of birth, and• mailing address from your latest tax return.
What You Get <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All transcript types are available online• View, print or download your transcript• Username and password to return later	What You Get <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return or Account transcript types delivered by mail• Transcripts arrive in 5 to 10 calendar days at the address we have on file for you.

Expected Family Contribution



\$0

\$5K

\$816

\$10K

\$7.5K

\$378

\$85K

Student
Income & Assets

Parent(s)
Income & Assets

Amount family can
reasonably be expected to
contribute

State
Federal

Grants
Scholarships
Loans

Financial Aid Awards



Gift Aid

- ✦ *Scholarships*
- ✦ *Grants*

Self-Help Aid

- ✦ *Student Employment*
- ✦ *Loan programs*
 - ✧ *Federal Student loans*
 - ✧ *Federal or Private Parent Loans*
 - ✧ *Private loans (student with cosigner)*



Communication from college on actual financial aid awards

- ★ *Some college send actual letters others provide through student portal*
- ★ *Encourage students to read information provided carefully to identify:*
 - ✧ *Direct costs versus cost of attendance*
 - ✧ *Gift aid versus self-help aid*
 - ✧ *Estimates versus actual*
- ★ *Provides instructions for next steps*
 - ✧ *Accept or decline awards*
 - ✧ *Items needed to finalize awards*

Need-Based Awards & Programs

- Frank O'Bannon
 - Higher Education Award
 - Freedom of Choice Award
- 21st Century Scholars Program
- EARN Indiana
- Adult Student Grant



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Non-Need-Based Awards & Programs

- National Guard Supplemental Grant
- Child of Veteran and Public Safety Officer Supplemental Grant Programs
- Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship
- Student Teaching Stipends
- William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship
- Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
- Workforce Ready Grant (Next Level)
- You Can. Go Back.



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Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

- Provides up to \$7,500 annually to high achieving students who agree to teach in Indiana for at least five years
- 200 scholarships available each year
- **To qualify, students must:**
 - graduate from an Indiana high school and either:
 - Graduate in the highest twenty percent (20%) of students in the applicant's high school graduating class; or
 - Receive a score in the top twentieth percentile on the SAT or ACT examination
 - Application opened September 1st
 - Due November 30th



Indiana Workforce Ready Grant

- NextLevelJobs.org
- Qualifications:
 - Indiana resident and U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen
 - High School diploma or equivalency but less than a college degree
 - File the FAFSA is enrolling in a credit-bearing program
- Will pay the cost for students to earn a high-value certificate at Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University, or approved workforce training provider
- Aligned with the state's economy, criteria for high-value certificates include:
 - Employer demand, wage, job placement, and program completion rate



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Helpful tips
and tricks

Important things
to remember.....

Timing is critical



- ▶ Providing information requested by each college ASAP is critical
 - ◆ Can impact eligibility for limited institutional funds
 - ◆ May delay processing or disbursement of federal and state aid
 - ◆ Delay in response may mean missed payment deadlines, deregistration and much more!



UPCOMING Events: Hosted by LHS Guidance

October 1st -Federal and State Aid FAFSA Application Opens

October 6th-Financial Aid Night, all grades welcome 6:00pm McHale

November 7th- College Goal Sunday at Ivy Tech Logansport and Kokomo 2-4pm

November 17th- LHS FAFSA Workshop sponsored by INvestED 3:30pm-7:00pm

November TBD- Cass County Community Foundation scholarship, information forthcoming, will be held during IMPACT

February 9th - LHS FAFSA Workshop with Ivy Tech 3:30pm-7:00pm

February - TBA- College Goal Sunday t Ivy Tech Logansport and Kokomo

March 9th - LHS FAFSA Family Night sponsored by INvestED 3:30pm-7:00pm

April 15th- FAFSA Deadline

May 1st- National College Decision Day

READY, SET FAFSA



FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID



FILE YOUR FAFSA
at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's
(IMS) Day of Innovation!

10/23/21 @ 10 AM

4790 W 16th St, Indianapolis, Indiana

LearnMoreIndiana.org/IMS



Questions?

Thank you

www.isfaa.org

www.investedindiana.org

www.fafsa.gov

www.che.in.gov