Cost of Attendance

What is Cost of Attendance (COA)?

⇒ Varies by school.

⇒ The total estimated cost associated with attending that institution.

- Includes both **direct** (tuition, fees, books) and **indirect** costs (transportation, childcare, personal expenses).
- **Room/Board component**
    - Living on campus: R/B is a direct cost
    - Living off campus: R/B is an indirect cost.
- Typically full-time, full academic year.
- Helps students and families budget for the year.
- Establishes the limits for financial aid available to the student.

How is COA used to determine financial aid award?

EXAMPLE	2 Year College	4 Year – Public	4 Year- Private
COA	$ 11,836	$ 26,756	$ 50,258
- EFC	$ 6,500	$ 6,500	$ 6,500
= "Need"	$ 5,336	$ 20,256	$43,758

Award Letter EXAMPLE: Four-Year Private University

Personal Offer of 2014-15 Financial Aid for:

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

PLU ID#

Washington Resident
123 College Bound
Somewhere, WA 9XXXX

Total Cost Due to PLU (without financial aid): **$46,760**

Tuition and fees (full time enrollment):	$36,180
Housing and meals:	$10,230
Wellness Plan:	$350

Potential additional "indirect" expenses which will vary based on your class schedule and personal preferences/choices, typically including personal expenses ($1,820), books and supplies ($1,030), & transportation ($648). Total of indirect expenses and university bill for an on campus resident (Plan 8 meal plan, double occupancy) is estimated at $50,258.

Grants and Scholarships (gift aid, no repayment required): **$36,834**

	Annual Amount	Fall	Spring
Faculty Scholarship	$19,000	$9,500	$9,500
WA State Need Grant	$8,517	$4,259	$4,258
Federal Pell Grant	$5,730	$2,865	$2,865
WA College Bound	$3,387	$1,694	$1,693
Federal SEOG	$200	$100	$100

Type & Amount of Aid

Outside Scholarships (what you've reported to date):	$0
Total	$36,834

Your Net Cost: **$9,926**

Optional Aid You May Choose to Use to Pay Net Cost: **$6,500**

	Annual Amount	Fall	Spring
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	$3,500	$1,750	$1,750
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	$2,000	$1,000	$1,000
Federal Direct Perkins Loan	$1,000	$500	$500

Additional & Contact Information

Total	$6,500

Total Net Cost (if you accept all the above loans) **Due to PLU:** **$3,426**

Additional Options to Manage Remaining Cost:

- Federal/State Work Study (must be earned & results in a pay check to student for hours worked): **$3,426**
- Family Contribution (as calculated by the U.S. Dept of Education's federal methodology formula using information you reported on the FAFSA): **$0**
- Federal Parent PLUS Loan (Parents may borrow in excess of the above amount, up to full cost of attendance, minus the student's aid award; requires credit worthy applicant)
- Monthly Payment Plan • Military and/or National Service Benefits • Non-Federal private education loan • Non Work Study Employment

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...d to enroll at PLU for the 2014-15 academic year, send in your $200 deposit to qualify for an on campus ...nt and/or class registration. Go to your Banner Web account (see enclosed instructions) if you wish to ...r work study offered above. All Scholarships & grants have been pre-accepted for you.

...d NOT enroll at Pacific Lutheran University, please check this box ➝ ☐ I will not be enrolling at PLU for 2014-15.
...ard letter so your funds can be offered to another student.

...side of this award letter for any comments regarding your award.

For more information and next steps, contact:
Financial Aid Office   Phone: 253-535-7134
Pacific Lutheran University   Fax: 253-535-8405

https://banweb.plu.edu/pls/pap/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage

WFAA

DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET.

The *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet* provides a preview of the questions that you may be asked while completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) online at **fafsa.gov**.

You must complete and submit a FAFSA to apply for federal student aid and for most state and college aid. Write down notes to help you easily complete your FAFSA anytime on or after October 1, 2017.

See the table to the right for state deadlines. Your application must be submitted by midnight Central time. Also pay attention to the symbols that may be listed after your state deadline. Check with your high school counselor or your college's financial aid administrator about other deadlines. The Federal deadline is June 30, 2019.

* **This Worksheet is optional and should only be completed if you plan to use *FAFSA on the Web*.**

* Sections in purple are for parent information.

* **This Worksheet does not include all the questions from the FAFSA. The questions that are included are ordered as they appear on *FAFSA on the Web*. When you are online, you may be able to skip some questions based on your answers to earlier questions.**

Applying is easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool!

Students and parents who have filed their 2016 federal tax return may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to easily, accurately and securely transfer their tax information into the FAFSA form.

Sign your FAFSA with an FSA ID!

For information about the FSA ID, including how to apply, go to **StudentAid.gov/fsaid**.

Your FSA ID allows you to electronically sign your FAFSA. If you are providing parent information, one parent must also sign your FAFSA. To sign electronically, your parent should also apply for an FSA ID.

Free help is available!

You do not have to pay to get help or submit your FAFSA. Submit your FAFSA **free** online at **fafsa.gov**. Federal Student Aid provides free help online at **fafsa.gov** or you can call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). TTY users (hearing impaired) can call 1-800-730-8913.

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Check with your financial aid administrator for these states and territories: AL, AS *, AZ, CO, FM *, GA, GU *, HI *, MH *, MT *, NE, NH *, NM, OR, PR, PW *, RI *, SD *, UT, VA *, VI *, WI and WY *.

Pay attention to any symbols listed after your state deadline.

State	Deadline
AK	Alaska Performance Scholarship – June 30, 2018 # $ Alaska Education Grant – As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $
AR	Academic Challenge – June 1, 2018 *(date received)* Workforce Grant – Check with your financial aid administrator. Higher Education Opportunity Grant – June 1, 2018 *(date received)*
CA	For many state financial aid programs – March 2, 2018 *(date postmarked)* + * For additional community college Cal Grants – September 2, 2018 *(date postmarked)* + * Contact the California Student Aid Commission or your financial aid administrator for more information.
CT	February 15, 2018 *(date received)* # *
DC	FAFSA completed by May 1, 2018 # For DCTAG, complete the DC OneApp and submit supporting documents by May 31, 2018. #
DE	April 15, 2018 *(date received)*
FL	May 15, 2018 *(date processed)*
IA	July 1, 2018 *(date received)* – Earlier priority deadlines may exist for certain programs. *
ID	Opportunity Grant – March 1, 2018 *(date received)* # *
IL	As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $
IN	March 10, 2018 *(date received)*
KS	April 1, 2018 *(date received)* # *
KY	As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $
LA	July 1, 2019 (July 1, 2018 recommended)
MA	May 1, 2018 *(date received)* #
MD	March 1, 2018 *(date received)*
ME	May 1, 2018 *(date received)*
MI	March 1, 2018 *(date received)*
MN	30 days after term starts *(date received)*
MO	February 1, 2018 # Applications accepted through April 1, 2018 $ *(date received)*
MP	April 30, 2018 *(date received)* # *
MS	MTAG and MESG Grants – September 15, 2018 *(date received)* HELP Scholarship – March 31, 2018 *(date received)*
NC	As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $
ND	As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $
NJ	2017-2018 Tuition Aid Grant recipients – April 15, 2018 *(date received)* All other applicants - Fall and spring terms – September 15, 2018 *(date received)* - Spring term only – February 15, 2019 *(date received)*
NV	Silver State Opportunity Grant – As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $ All other aid – Check with your financial aid administrator. *
NY	June 30, 2019 *(date received)* *
OH	October 1, 2018 *(date received)*
OK	As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $
PA	All first-time applicants enrolled in a: community college; business/trade/technical school; hospital school of nursing; designated Pennsylvania Open-Admission institution; or non-transferable two-year program – August 1, 2018 *(date received)* All other applicants – May 1, 2018 *(date received)* *
SC	Tuition Grants – June 30, 2018 *(date received)* SC Commission on Higher Education Need-based Grants – As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $
TN	State Grant – Prior-year recipients receive award if eligible and apply by January 16, 2018. All other awards made to neediest applicants. $ Tennessee Promise – January 16, 2018 *(date received)* State Lottery – Fall term, September 1, 2018 *(date received)*; spring and summer terms, February 1, 2019 *(date received)*
TX	As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 Texas public colleges – March 15, 2018 # * Texas private colleges – Check with your financial aid administrator. *
VT	As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $ *
WA	As soon as possible after October 1, 2017 $
WV	PROMISE Scholarship – March 1, 2018. New applicants must submit additional application. Contact your financial aid administrator or state agency. WV Higher Education Grant Program – April 15, 2018

\# For priority consideration, submit application by date specified.
+ Applicants encouraged to obtain proof of mailing.
$ Awards made until funds are depleted.
* Additional forms may be required.

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SECTION 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION

After you are online, you can add up to ten colleges on your FAFSA. The colleges will receive the information from your processed FAFSA.

Student's Last Name	First Name	Social Security Number

Student Citizenship Status (check one of the following)

❑ U.S. citizen (U.S. national) ❑ Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen

❑ Eligible noncitizen (Enter your Alien Registration Number in the box to the right.)

Your Alien Registration Number

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Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are:
- A permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551);
- A conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C);
- The holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms 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
- 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."

Student Marital Status (check one of the following)

❑ Single ❑ Married or remarried ❑ Separated ❑ Divorced or widowed

You will be asked to provide information about your spouse if you are married or remarried.

Selective Service Registration

If you are male and 25 or younger, you can use the FAFSA to register with the Selective Service System.

What is the highest school parent 1 completed?	❑ Middle school/Jr. high ❑ High school	❑ College or beyond ❑ Other/unknown
What is the highest school parent 2 completed?	❑ Middle school/Jr. high ❑ High school	❑ College or beyond ❑ Other/unknown

SECTION 2 - STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you can check ANY of the following boxes, you will not have to provide parental information. Skip to page 4.
If you check NONE of the following boxes, you will be asked to provide parental information. Go to the next page.

❑ I was born before January 1, 1995	❑ I am married	❑ I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)
❑ I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces	❑ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	❑ I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019
❑ Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased	❑ I was in foster care since turning age 13	❑ I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support
❑ I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13	❑ I am currently or I was an emancipated minor	❑ I am currently or I was in legal guardianship ❑ I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless

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SECTION 3 - PARENT INFORMATION

Who is considered a parent?

"Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent or a person determined by the state to be a parent (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate). Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about both of them. If your legal parents are not married and **live together**, answer the questions about both of them. In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent you lived with most in the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give information about the parent who provided you the most financial support during the last 12 months or during the most recent year you received support. If your divorced or widowed parent has remarried, also provide information about your stepparent.

Providing parent 1 information? You will need:

Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) Social Security Number

Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) name

Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) date of birth

❏ Check here if parent 1 is a dislocated worker

Providing parent 2 information? You will need:

Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) Social Security Number

Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) name

Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) date of birth

❏ Check here if parent 2 is a dislocated worker

Did you know?

If your parents file a federal tax return, they may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. This tool enables your parents to easily, accurately and securely transfer their tax return information into the FAFSA form.

Did your parents file or will they file a 2016 income tax return?

❏ My parents have already completed a tax return

❏ My parents will file, but have not yet completed a tax return

❏ My parents are not going to file an income tax return

What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2016?

Skip this question if your parents did not file taxes. Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4.

$ _____

The following questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on the IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1.

How much did parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2016? $ _____

How much did parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2016? $ _____

In 2016 or 2017, did anyone in your parents' household receive: (Check all that apply.)

❏ Medicaid

❏ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

❏ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

❏ Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

❏ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

❏ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Note: TANF may have a different name in your parents' state. Call 1-800-433-3243 to find out the name of the state's program.

Did your parents have any of the following items in 2016?

Check all that apply. Once online, you may be asked to report amounts paid or received by your parents.

Additional Financial Information

❏ American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit

❏ Child support paid

❏ Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships or fellowships

❏ Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income

❏ Combat pay or special combat pay

❏ Cooperative education program earnings

Untaxed Income

❏ Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans

❏ Child support received

❏ IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh

❏ Tax exempt interest income

❏ Untaxed portions of IRA distributions

❏ Untaxed portions of pension distributions

❏ Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others

❏ Veterans noneducation benefits

❏ Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability benefits

Your parents may be asked to provide more information about their assets.
Your parents may need to report the net worth of their current businesses and/or investment farms.

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SECTION 4 - STUDENT INFORMATION

Did you know?

If you file a federal tax return, you may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. This tool enables you to easily, accurately and securely transfer your tax information into the FAFSA form.

Did you file or will you file a 2016 income tax return?

- ❏ I have already completed my tax return
- ❏ I will file, but I have not completed my tax return
- ❏ I'm not going to file an income tax return

What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2016?

Skip this question if you or your spouse did not file taxes. Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4.

$ _____

The following questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on the IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1.

How much did you earn from working in 2016?
   ❏ Check here if you are a dislocated worker

$ _____

How much did your spouse earn from working in 2016?
   ❏ Check here if your spouse is a dislocated worker

$ _____

In 2016 or 2017, did anyone in your household receive: (Check all that apply.)

- ❏ Medicaid
- ❏ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ❏ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ❏ Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
- ❏ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ❏ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Note: TANF may have a different name in your state. Call 1-800-433-3243 to find out the name of the state's program.

Did you or your spouse have any of the following items in 2016?

Check all that apply. Once online, you may be asked to report amounts paid or received.

Additional Financial Information

- ❏ American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit
- ❏ Child support paid
- ❏ Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships or fellowships
- ❏ Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income
- ❏ Combat pay or special combat pay
- ❏ Cooperative education program earnings

Untaxed Income

- ❏ Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans
- ❏ Child support received
- ❏ IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh
- ❏ Tax exempt interest income
- ❏ Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- ❏ Untaxed portions of pension distributions

- ❏ Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others
- ❏ Veterans noneducation benefits
- ❏ Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability benefits
- ❏ Money received or paid on your behalf

**You may be asked to provide more information about your (and your spouse's) assets.
You may need to report the net worth of current businesses and/or investment farms.**

NOTES:

Worksheet, DO NOT Submit

Do not mail this Worksheet. Go to fafsa.gov to complete and submit your application.

For more information on federal student aid, visit **StudentAid.gov**.
You can also talk with your college's financial aid office about other types of student aid that may be available.

https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1819/pdf/fafsaws18c.pdf

Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)

Using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) to sign your application

⇒ While students, parents, and borrowers are not required to use an FSA ID to submit a FAFSA on the Web application, it is the fastest way to complete, sign, and submit the application.

⇒ It is also the only way to access or correct your information online, or to pre-fill a FAFSA on the Web application with information from your previous year's FAFSA.

⇒ Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your FAFSA and other documents.

⇒ If you are a parent and have more than one (1) child attending college, you can use the same FSA ID to sign all applications. Please note: Each FSA ID user must have a unique e-mail address.

>   **Tip:** The password must be between 8 to 30 characters long. You can use any combination of numbers, uppercase and lowercase letters, and/or special characters.

>   **Tip:** The FSA ID replaces the PIN as the way to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information. When logging in, you will be required to enter only your FSA ID username and pass word. Your FSA ID password is not the same as the former FAFSA password. The FAFSA password has been renamed the Save Key. If you previously created a password for a FAFSA or FAFSA correction, you should enter that password as your Save Key.

You can use the FSA ID to

- Electronically sign a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Import your tax information from the Internal Revenue Service;
- Renew your FAFSA (if you applied last year);
- Prefill data in this year's (**2018-19**) FAFSA if you filed a FAFSA last year (**2017-18**);
- Make online corrections to an existing FAFSA;
- View or print an online copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR); and
- View a history of any federal student aid that you have received.

Your FSA ID is used to sign legally binding documents electronically. It has the same legal status as a written signature. Don't share your FSA ID with anyone—not even with someone helping you fill out the FAFSA. Sharing your FSA ID could put you at risk of identity theft!

Students, and parent(s), if the student is a dependent, can apply for an FSA ID at any time. If you don't have one by the time you fill out your FAFSA, you will be prompted to apply for one. However, if you think the Social Security Administration (SSA) might have the wrong name or date of birth for you in its records, go to http://www.ssa.gov to find out how to correct any errors. Your information must be correct with the SSA before your FAFSA or FSA ID can be processed.

The FSA ID process consists of three main steps:

1. Enter your log-in information.

    a) Provide your e-mail address, a unique username, and password.

    b) Verify that you are at least 13 years old.

2. Enter your personal information.

    a) Provide your Social Security number, name, and date of birth.

    b) Include your mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and language preference.

    c) For security purposes, provide answers to five challenge questions.

3. Submit your FSA ID information.

    a) Agree to the terms and conditions.

    b) Verify your e-mail address. (NOTE: By verifying your e-mail address, you can use your e-mail address as your username when logging into certain Education Department (ED) websites. This verification also allows you to retrieve your username or reset your password without answering challenge questions.)

Tip: If you already have a Federal Student Aid PIN you can link your PIN to your FSA ID. This allows you to immediately use your FSA ID to access your personal information on any of the ED websites that require an FSA ID.

Tip: If you did not link a PIN when you created your FSA ID, we will confirm your FSA ID information with the Social Security Administration (SSA). This takes one to three (1-3) days from the date you apply, and you will receive an e-mail when this is complete. Once SSA confirms your information, you will be able to use your FSA ID for all FAFSA tasks as well as access your personal information on any of the ED websites that require an FSA ID.

Steps to Create an FSA ID

1. Go to http://fsaid.ed.gov or, if you are ready to begin your FAFSA, start at https://fafsa.gov and click on the Create an FSA ID link.
2. Create a username and password, and enter your e-mail address.
3. Enter your name, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information, and challenge questions and answers.
4. Review your information, and read and accept the terms and conditions.
5. Confirm your e-mail address using the secure code, which will be sent to the e-mail address you entered when you created your FSA ID. You can use your FSA ID immediately to file and sign the FAFSA even if you aren't able to confirm your email with the secure code.

Each student needs an FSA ID. If parent information is required on the FAFSA, one (1) parent will also need an FSA ID to sign the student's FAFSA. Each student and parent must create their FSA ID separately at http://fsaid.ed.gov.

Tips To Remember When Creating an FSA ID

Be sure to enter your information accurately.
Your information will be verified by the Social Security Administration and making a mistake, especially with your Social Security number, birthdate, or name, will cause delays.

Keep in mind that an e-mail address can only be associated with one FSA ID.
Students and parents cannot use the same email address.

If you have an e-mail other than your high school e-mail address, use that alternate email.
You may even want to create one especially for financial aid and college application purposes. Your high school e-mail access will likely expire after you graduate. You will need to use your FSA ID for years to come so link it to an e-mail address that you will continue to use.

It is important to have access to your e-mail when creating your FSA ID.
A secure code will be sent to your e-mail that you will need to retrieve when creating your FSA ID. Entering this secure code will confirm your e-mail address, which is very important if you forget your username or password, and it will allow Federal Student Aid to communicate with you electronically.

Your FSA ID can be used immediately to access and sign the FAFSA.
However, you won't be able to use it to update or correct the FAFSA or enter any other FSA websites until it has been verified with the Social Security Administration (one to three days).

FSA ID info pages 13-16 retrieved from:
http://www.readysetgrad.org/sites/default/files/2017-18.12th.year.student.workbook.pdf Pgs. 27 & 28.
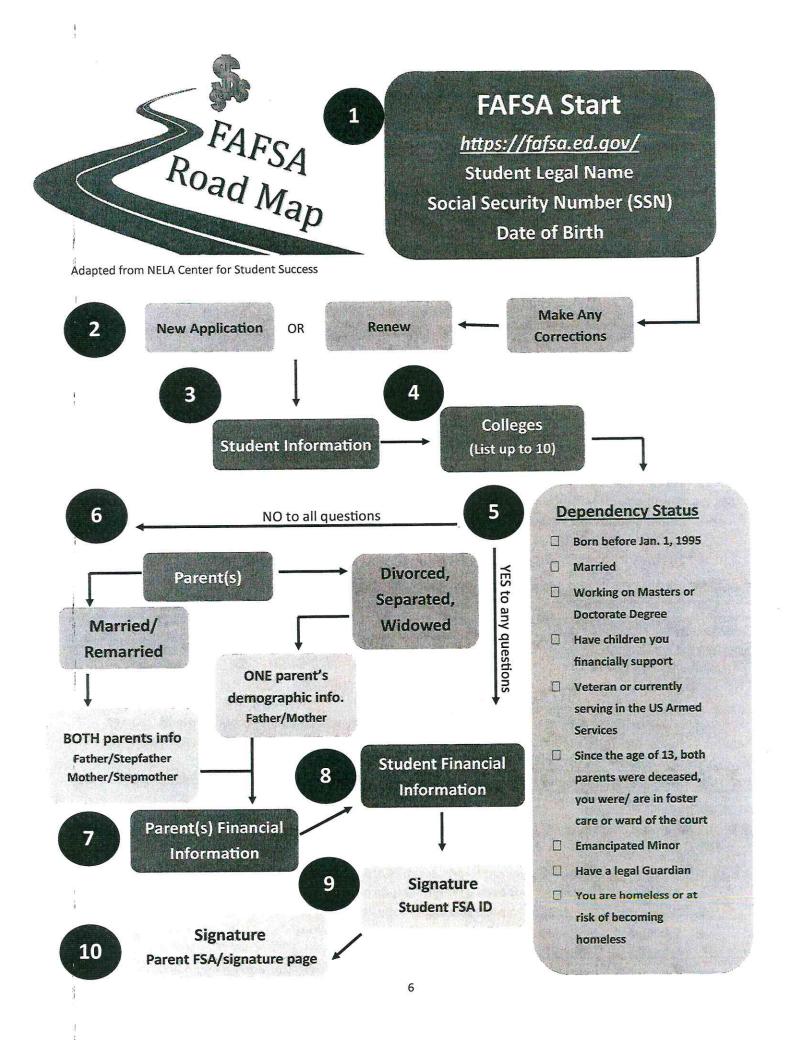
Your FSA ID

Creating an FSA ID is the first step to completing your FAFSA. An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and serves as your legal signature. Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. If you had a PIN, having that number available will make this process easier.

To create an FSA ID, go to http://fsaid.ed.gov. Complete this form to keep track of important information related to your FSA ID. **This information should be kept confidential and stored in a secure location.** Please bring this document to your College Goal Washington event. You can find events that provide assistance with completing your FAFSA at http://readysetgrad.org/educators/grad/cgw-students-families.

Student Information

E-mail Address:_____

Username:_____

Password:_____

Answer to Challenge Questions (answers are case sensitive):

Challenge Question Answer 1:_____

Challenge Question Answer 2:_____

Challenge Question Answer 3:_____

Challenge Question Answer 4:_____

Significant Date Answer (MM/DD/YYYY):_____

Parent Information (if appropriate)

Email Address:_____

Username:_____

Password:_____

Answer to Challenge Questions (answers are case sensitive):

Challenge Question Answer 1:_____

Challenge Question Answer 2:_____

Challenge Question Answer 3:_____

Challenge Question Answer 4:_____

Significant Date Answer (MM/DD/YYYY):_____

READY SET GRAD

FAFSA Road Map

Adapted from NELA Center for Student Success

1 **FAFSA Start**
https://fafsa.ed.gov/
Student Legal Name
Social Security Number (SSN)
Date of Birth

2 New Application OR Renew ← Make Any Corrections

3 Student Information → **4** Colleges (List up to 10)

6 ← NO to all questions — **5**

Dependency Status
☐ Born before Jan. 1, 1995
☐ Married
☐ Working on Masters or Doctorate Degree
☐ Have children you financially support
☐ Veteran or currently serving in the US Armed Services
☐ Since the age of 13, both parents were deceased, you were/ are in foster care or ward of the court
☐ Emancipated Minor
☐ Have a legal Guardian
☐ You are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless

Parent(s) → Divorced, Separated, Widowed

Married/ Remarried

ONE parent's demographic info. Father/Mother

YES to any questions

BOTH parents info
Father/Stepfather
Mother/Stepmother

8 Student Financial Information

7 Parent(s) Financial Information

9 Signature
Student FSA ID

10 Signature
Parent FSA/signature page

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1. **FAFSA Start: Before beginning the FAFSA, be sure to have all the necessary documents needed to complete the FAFSA for the student and parent(s).**
   ⇒ Social security number
   ⇒ Federal income tax returns
   ⇒ Untaxed income records
   ⇒ Current bank statements
   ⇒ Documentation of assets/investments
   ⇒ Records of financial aid and education expenses

2. **TYPE of application: If this is the first time you will be filing your FAFSA, then you will be filing a new application.**
   ⇒ To complete the FAFSA online, please visit: https://fafsa.ed.gov/

3. **STUDENT INFORMATION: Provide all student demographic information.**
   ⇒ Provide legal name as listed on social security card.
   ⇒ Be sure that SSN is correct. If it is not correct the first time, you will need to create a new FAFSA account.

4. **COLLEGE SELECTION: List ALL colleges that you have applied to or are considering applying to and indicate your housing option for each.**
   ⇒ Colleges include 4-year universities/colleges, 2-year community colleges, technical colleges, vocational schools, graduate schools.

5. **DEPENDENCY STATUS: This series of questions determines if the FAFSA considers the student dependent or independent.**
   ⇒ Independent students can answer YES to any of the dependency questions and will able to bypass entering parental information.
   ⇒ Dependent students answer NO to all of the dependency questions and will be prompted to enter parental information.
   ⇒ Students with special circumstances must speak with the financial aid office at their selected schools.

6. **PARENT INFORMATION: Provide parental demographic information.**
   ⇒ Parents are not required to have an SSN. If parents do not have an SSN, enter all 0's in the SSN field. *Do not leave questions blank.*

7. **PARENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Parents will provide information on income, earnings, assets, investments and taxes.**
   ⇒ Assets include: cash, savings, and checking accounts
   ⇒ Assets DO NOT include: financial aid
   ⇒ Investments include: Real estate, trust funds, stocks, CDs, special minor accounts, money market funds, securities, commodities, college savings plans (529 college savings/prepaid tuition plans), mutual funds, bonds, etc.
   ⇒ Investments DO NOT include: the home you live in, debt on investments, retirement plans
   ⇒ Parents will use the prior year's taxes on the FAFSA.

8. **STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Students will answer the same financial questions from the parents section.**

9 & 10. **SIGNATURE: Signatures are required to process the FAFSA.**
   ⇒ *Independent students do not need a parent signature.*
   ⇒ Dependent students need to provide a student signature and the signature of one (1) parent.
   ⇒ Signing with a Federal Student Aid ID is the fastest way to process a FAFSA. Apply for an FSA ID at: http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid.
   ⇒ **If the parent doesn't have an SSN, they may print and sign a signature page and mail it in.**