Step 1: Apply for an FSA ID

FSA ID-https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing

- Each student applying for financial aid and one parent must have an FSA
 ID. This is your signature on the FAFSA!
- Write it down and save it for later use. You will need your username, password, cell phone, email address and challenge questions in the future so keep it in a secure location. YOU WILL NOT REMEMBER your FSA ID OTHERWISE!
- You will use this again for FAFSA renewal each school year and applying for Federal student and parent loans!

Step 2: Complete the FAFSA- https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This form determines your eligibility for grants, scholarships, work-study, student and parent loans.

Most students under the age of 24 will need to include their parent income and personal information.

- If parents are divorced/separated and do not reside together, student should include the custodial parent's income and personal information only. This is the parent who provides more than 50 percent of their financial support. You will only report custodial parent's income information, so if filing status is married filing jointly, student will need to manually enter tax/income information on the FAFSA. IRS DRT (Data Retrieval Tool) will not be able to be used.
- If parents are not married, but living together, student will need to provide both parents financial and personal information on their FAFSA. Student will not be able to use the IRS DRT and will have to combine both parent's Federal tax return information

Important information you need to complete your 2023/24 FAFSA

NOTE: Information is needed for both student/parent (if applicable)

- 1. FSA ID
- 2. Social Security Number(s), REMEMBER...Check for accuracy!
- 3. Alien registration or Permanent Resident Card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

- 4. Date of birth
- 5. Current marital status and date of marriage/separation/divorce, if applicable

NOTE: For parent personal information, current marital status will be used even though tax information provided is from 2 years ago. If marital status has changed since the 2021 Federal tax return was filed, Data Retrieval Tool will not be available.

- 6. 2021 Federal Tax Documents and all 2021 W2's NOTE: If Parents are living together but not married, you will need to report combined income information. (Data Retrieval Tool is not available)
- 7. 2021 untaxed income records, such as:
 - a. Child Support Received/Paid
 - b. Pensions, Annuities
 - c. Veterans Benefits records
- 8. Current bank account information/statements
- 9. Other asset information such as business net worth (if employ more than 100 employees), investment farm(that is not lived on) and investments, other than retirement accounts, such as Rental properties, 2nd homes, (first homes do not count) stocks, bonds, certificates of deposits

Next steps

A student aid report (SAR) will be sent directly to you. When you receive your SAR, look it over carefully to make sure it is correct, since this is the information Delta will receive electronically. The information on this SAR will be used to determine your eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant and for most other types of aid. If corrections are needed, follow the directions on your SAR.

How to create FSA ID VIDEO: https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=iTb7hMVtzco

FAFSA HOW TO VIDEO:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9apxxQrx-WY