

Finding Money for College

FAFSA Basics

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Who can get federal student aid?

- U.S. citizen/national or eligible non-citizen
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Eligible degree/certificate program in college/career school
- Student has valid Social Security number
- Satisfactory academic progress in college/career school

Who is eligible for financial aid?

[Information about eligibility](#)



How do I apply for aid?

- Start Here:
 - Federal Student Aid- [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
 - State Financial Aid -collegeforwv.com
 - BSC Institutional Aid-bluefieldstate.edu/form/contact-financial-aid#no-back



Apply for FAFSA

Login to the Internet, go to Google Chrome, type in FAFSA

Click on FAFSA Application

Complete each Section -

The image shows a Google search for "FAFSA" and the resulting FAFSA application website. The search results show "FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid" with the URL "https://studentaid.gov/fafsa". The website header includes "Federal Student Aid" and navigation links like "UNDERSTAND AID", "APPLY FOR AID", "COMPLETE AID PROCESS", and "MANAGE LOANS". The main content area has a large heading "Complete the FAFSA® Form" with a "Start Here" button. Below this, there are sections for "New To The FAFSA® Process?" and "Returning User?" with a "Log In" button. At the bottom, there is a section for "FAFSA® Announcements" with a link to "Smart Punctuation".

FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid
<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>

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2020-21 FAFSA Form ... - Estimate Your Aid - How to Review and Correct ...

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New To The FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.
[Start Here](#)

Returning User?
Correct info | [Add a school](#)
View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)
[Log In](#)

FAFSA® Announcements

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[Learn about solutions for this error.](#)



How do I apply for federal student aid?

1. Create a username and password called the FSA ID.

- Learn about the [FSA ID](#) and how to create one.
- You and your parent must each create your own FSA ID; you can't share one.
- If you provide an email address when creating your FSA ID, it must be a unique email address just for you (can't provide same email address for more than one person's FSA ID).
- Don't tell anyone your FSA ID!
- Use computers in the BSC William B. Robertson Library to complete your FAFSA.

Please keep a note of your FSA ID, password, safe key, email, and phone number in a safe place.



How do I apply for federal student aid?

2. Gather the documents you need to apply.

- Find checklist of what's needed on [the FAFSA Process](#)
- Optional: Preview some of the FAFSA questions on the [FAFSA on the Web Worksheet—2022-2023](#)



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3. Watch for response by email or regular mail, confirming your FAFSA was processed.
 - Double-check that your info is correct by logging on at the FAFSA site and reviewing your data.
 - Correct any mistakes and submit the corrected info.
For example: incorrect income, incorrect number in family.
 - Don't update info that was correct on the day you signed your FAFSA.
4. Watch for emails or letters from Bluefield State College.
 - Provide BSC with any additional paperwork requested.
 - Meet all deadlines, or you could miss out on aid!



What happens next? Where can I get more info?

- Review and understand BSC's aid offer.
- Keep in touch with the financial aid office to find out when and how you will get your aid.
- [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
 - Info about aid programs
 - Links to free scholarship and college searches

Contact information for Federal Student Aid

- 1-800-4-FED-AID or studentaid@ed.gov



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