Finding Money for College

FAFSA Basics

Tammy Martin

Financial Aid Manager November 2021



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

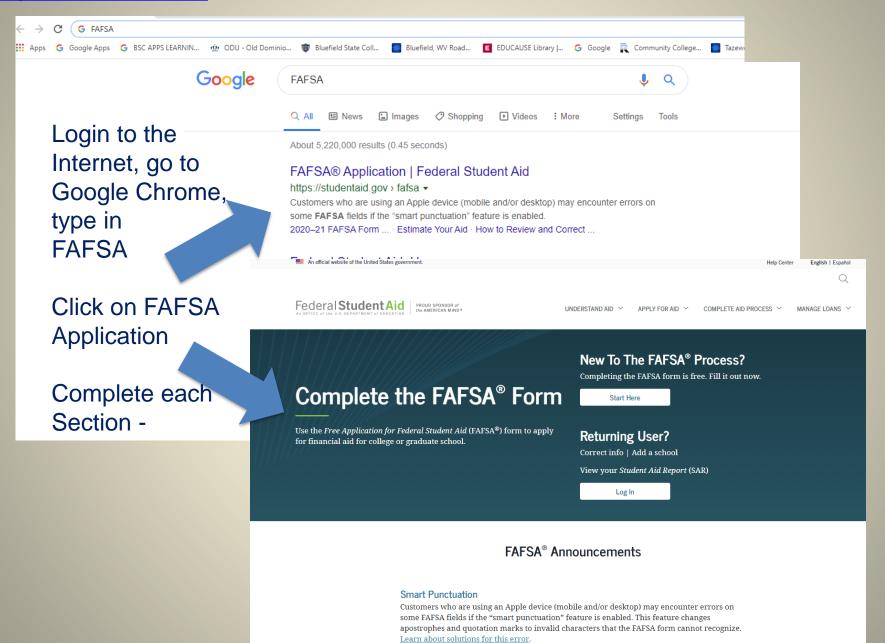


How do I apply for aid?

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



Apply for FAFSA



How do I apply for federal student aid?

- 1. Create a username and password called the FSA ID.
 - Learn about the <u>FSA ID</u> 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 <u>FAFSA on the Web</u>
 Worksheet—2022-2023



How do I apply for federal student aid?

- 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
 - Info about aid programs
 - Links to free scholarship and college searches

Contact information for Federal Student Aid

1-800-4-FED-AID or <u>studentaid@ed.gov</u>



BSC Financial Aid Contact Information

- Mrs. Tammy Martin Financial Aid Manager
 - · (304) 327-4426
 - tmartin@bluefieldstate.edu
- Ms. Emily Mann Loan Officer
 - · (304) 327-4021
 - emann@bluefieldstate.edu
- Ms. Robin Shanklin Pell Officer
 - · (304) 327-4023
 - rshanklin@bluefieldstate.edu
- Mrs. Donna Catron Financial Aid Counselor
 - · (304) 327-4020
 - dcatron@bluefieldstate.edu

