

**Websites for students****www.fafsa.gov**

- FAFSA on the Web
- Make corrections to the application
- Check status of application
- Online SAR
- FAFSA4caster, which allows future college students to estimate what their EFC might be and what kind of federal student aid they might be eligible for when they apply for aid

**https://fsaid.ed.gov**

FSA ID website

**https://studentaid.ed.gov**

Higher education portal for students

**https://www.nsls.ed.gov**

Students' loan database

**https://studentloans.gov**

Loan information and counseling

**https://teach-ats.ed.gov**

TEACH Grant website

**Paper (PDF) FAFSA**

Beginning with the 2017–2018 award year, the Department will no longer print the FAFSA. More than 99% of applications are filed electronically, so the only paper option will be the PDF FAFSA, which students can get at the FOTW site. They can print the PDF and fill it out by hand, or they can type their data on the PDF before printing and mailing it. If needed, they can request single copies from the FSAIC by calling 1-800-433-3243.

**FAFSA on the phone**

Students who have limited or no Internet access and face pressing deadlines can choose to complete and submit their application by calling 1-800-433-3243, telling a representative they would like to fill out their FAFSA over the phone and providing their information. This typically takes about half an hour. Students will receive a paper student aid report (SAR) 7–10 days later, which they (and their parents, if appropriate) must sign and return. Because this is not the preferred method to apply for aid, it should be used sparingly and only by those students identified above.

**FSA ID**

Students (and parents) use the FSA ID to log on to FAFSA on the Web and other FSA websites—the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS), StudentLoans.gov, Studentaid.gov, and the TEACH Grant website—with a username and password they create. They can [find out more about the ID](#) and can create one online. [See the electronic announcement of April 18, 2017, for recent information about the ID.](#)

**FAFSA filers under the age of 13**

Because the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) of 1998 prohibits any entity, including a government agency, from electronically conducting business or communicating with a person under age 13, applicants who are 12 or younger cannot complete FAFSA on the Web. Instead, when they apply for financial aid, they or a parent or legal guardian, financial aid administrator, or high school counselor can fill out the appropriate award year PDF FAFSA and mail it to

Federal Student Aid Programs  
Attn: COPPA/CORR Process Building 3  
1084 South Laurel Road  
London, KY 40744

Such applicants are not to provide an email address on the application or with any correction that might follow. After the FAFSA is submitted, it will be processed and a paper SAR will be sent to the student and a regular ISIR will be sent to schools. See the electronic announcement from 8/4/16 for more information.

**Renewal FAFSA**

A student who has received an FSA ID and who the year before had a successful match on Social Security number (SSN), name, and date of birth with the Social Security Administration (SSA) is eligible for a renewal FAFSA. When he logs on to FOTW, he will be asked if he wants to pre-fill some of the application with data from the prior year. By choosing this option, he can review each pre-filled item, correct any that has changed, and provide new information as needed. If an aid administrator's school does not appear on the renewal application, she can use the student's data release number (DRN) to access the application on FAA Access.

In October–December 2016 students with a valid email address in the CPS who submitted a FAFSA for 2016–2017 and have not done so for 2017–2018 will receive an email informing them of the recent FAFSA changes and encouraging them to complete the new application. In January 2017 renewal-eligible students who still have not submitted a 2017–2018 FAFSA will receive a renewal reminder as in previous years.

**PROCESSING THE FAFSA**

Paper FAFSAs go to the FAFSA processor for data entry and then to the CPS. Applications that are signed and submitted on the Web go directly to the CPS. If a Web applicant indicated she would sign electronically later or send a paper signature page, her FAFSA goes to a signature hold file for up to 14 days. If some type of signature is not received in that time, the application will be sent to the CPS but will be rejected; it won't be processed again until a signature is received.