

**FREE
APPLICATION
FEDERAL
STUDENT
AID**

The **2021–22 FAFSA® FORM** will still launch
on **OCT. 1, 2020**, at 1 a.m. Eastern time.





Website: fafsa.ed.gov

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

STUDENTS SHOULD APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID, regardless of income.

THE FAFSA IS REQUIRED to access many types of financial aid. Federal and State of Wisconsin financial aid require students to complete the FAFSA.

REAPPLY EACH YEAR. You must reapply for financial aid by filing a FAFSA each year that you plan to attend school.



TIMING IS VERY IMPORTANT

Some schools have their own priority consideration deadlines for FAFSA. These are school specific dates and **do not apply to every school**. Most schools will list their priority deadlines on their financial aid web pages.

Fill out the FAFSA as early as possible. An early application means a better chance at more money.

BASIC TYPES OF AID AVAILABLE

GRANTS

Free money based on need

SCHOLARSHIPS

Free money usually based on merit

LOANS

Money that must be **paid back** (subsidized vs. unsubsidized)

WORK-STUDY

Money earned from a part-time job on campus or off campus



WHAT IS A PARENT PLUS LOAN?

A federal direct student loan available to the parents of dependent undergraduates.

Parents, not students, take out the loan.

Parent PLUS Loans are another funding option **if needed.**





Things you will need before you fill out the **FAFSA**

If you are a [dependent student](#), then you will also need this information for your parent(s).

- ✓ FSA ID (so you can electronically sign the FAFSA)
- ✓ Social Security Number
- ✓ Alien Registration Number
(if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- ✓ Driver's License Number
- ✓ 2019 Tax Returns
(W-2 forms and other records of money earned)
- ✓ Bank statements (you will need to know your current balance of cash, savings, checking accounts)
- ✓ Information on investments, business assets (if applicable)

DETERMINE THE VALUE OF ASSETS



Assets are:

- Trust funds
- Certificates of deposit
- Mutual funds, stocks, bonds
- 529 College Plans
- UGMA/UTMA accounts (Uniform Gifts/Transfers to Minors Act)
- Coverdell Savings Account
- Second home/cottage
- Rental Property
- Land not associated with farming

DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS AS ASSETS

Assets are NOT:

- Net worth of the home where you are living
- Qualified pensions/ retirement savings/ annuities (IRA, 401K, 403B)
- Life insurance policies
- Value of car, boat, stereo
- Family farm
- Business (if less than 100 employees)
- Non educational IRAs
- Keogh Plans





SELECTIVE SERVICE

To be eligible for federal student aid, men ages 18 through 25 are required to register with the Selective Service System.

When filling out the FAFSA, you can also register there. If you are under 18, the Department of Education will not submit your information until you turn 18.

Student Selective Service

Student Demographics | School Selection | Dependency Status | Parent Demographics | Parent Financials | Student Financials | Sign & Submit | Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

Are you male or female? ?

Male Female

i Most male citizens and male immigrants must register with the Selective Service System to receive federal student aid.

Are you registered with the Selective Service System? ?

Yes No

Do you want us to register you with the Selective Service System? ?

Yes No

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Most students under the age of 24 are considered **DEPENDENT for federal financial aid purposes.**

The FAFSA asks a series of questions to determine whether a student is dependent or independent:

Married?	Veteran or serving on active duty in the military?	Homeless or deemed at risk for homelessness?	Are you or were you an emancipated minor?
Working on a master's or doctorate program?	At any time since you turned age 13 were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward of the court?	Do you have or will you have children who will receive half of their support from you?	Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you?



WHO IS THE PARENT?

- Student's biological and/or adoptive parents, or a person that the state has determined to be a student's parent, are considered his or her legal parents.
- Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, and aunts and uncles are **NOT** considered parents unless they have legally adopted the student.

If you believe you should be considered independent due to complicated family circumstances or other reasons, contact your school's financial aid office.

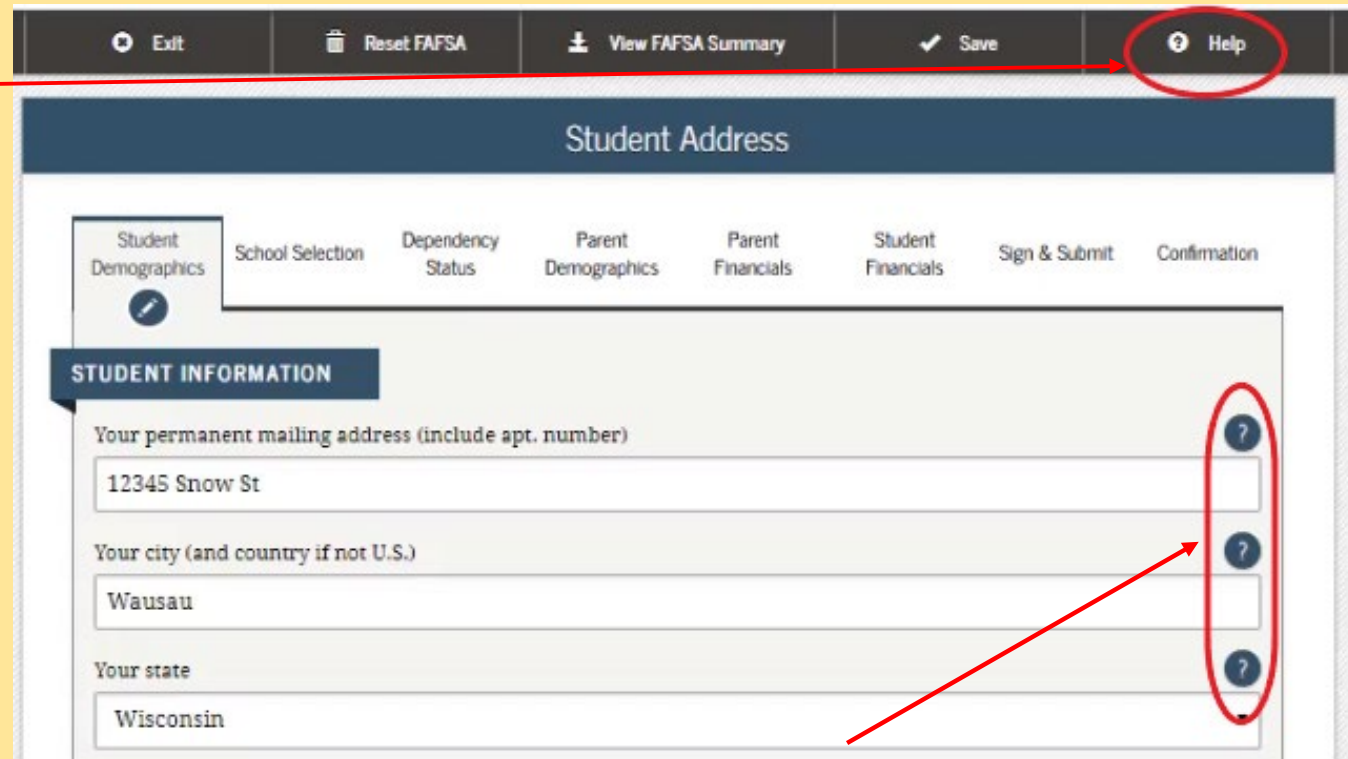
If you have divorced parents....

If your parents are divorced and you're a dependent student, you only need to apply with your custodial parent's financial information. If your custodial parent has remarried, you will also need to include your custodial parent's spouse's income information as well.

If a single, divorced parent receives child support, it must be declared along with their income.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

In the online FAFSA form you can select the “Help” button at the top of the page to reach the “FAFSA Help” page, where you can view trending FAFSA topics, browse FAQs, or search for more information.



The screenshot shows the FAFSA Student Address form. At the top, there is a navigation bar with buttons for Exit, Reset FAFSA, View FAFSA Summary, Save, and Help. The Help button is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the left. Below the navigation bar, the form is titled "Student Address" and has several tabs: Student Demographics, School Selection, Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Parent Financials, Student Financials, Sign & Submit, and Confirmation. The Student Demographics tab is selected. Underneath, there is a "STUDENT INFORMATION" section with three input fields: "Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number)" with the value "12345 Snow St", "Your city (and country if not U.S.)" with the value "Wausau", and "Your state" with the value "Wisconsin". Each input field has a question mark icon to its right, which are also circled in red. A red arrow points from the bottom right towards the question mark icons.



Website: fsaid.ed.gov

Creating an FSA ID: FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID

An FSA ID is a username and password.



We strongly recommend you create an FSA ID, a username and password combination that allows you to sign your FAFSA form electronically.

If you're a dependent student, one of your parents whose information is reported on the FAFSA form will also need an FSA ID so that he or she can sign your application electronically. If your parent doesn't have a Social Security Number (SSN), your parent won't be able to create an FSA ID (which requires an SSN). This means you'll have to [select the option to print a signature page when you get to the end of your FAFSA form](#) on fafsa.ed.gov.



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FSA ID FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When you create your FSA ID, you will be required to provide your email address or your mobile phone number. It is important to remember that a mobile phone number or email address can be associated with only one FSA ID.

You and your parent would not be able to provide the same email address or phone number when you each create your own FSA ID.

Federal Student Aid Information Center 1-800-433-3243.



FINANCIAL AID and CITIZENSHIP STATUS

As an undocumented student or DACA student, am I eligible for federal student aid?

No. Undocumented students, including DACA students, are not eligible for federal student aid. However, you may be eligible for state or college financial aid, in addition to private scholarships.

In order for me to complete the FAFSA form, do my parents need SSNs?

No. Since your parents' citizenship doesn't affect your ability to complete the FAFSA form, they don't need SSNs. If your parents don't have SSNs, they must enter 000-00-0000 when the FAFSA form asks for your parents' SSNs.

If you are unable to provide parental information.

Dependent Student

Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✎ Parent Demographics Parent Financials Student Financials Sign & Submit Confirmation

STUDENT INFORMATION

Based on your answers to the dependency status questions, you are considered a dependent student. This means you must provide [parental](#) information. Select "I will provide information about my parent(s)" and click Next to continue filling out your FAFSA.

If you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information, under very limited circumstances, you may be able to submit your FAFSA without parental information. Select "I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)" and click Next to get additional information. ?

I will provide information about my parent(s)

I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)

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Do you have a special circumstance preventing you from including your parent's information?

Special Circumstances Qualifications

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STUDENT INFORMATION

You may still be eligible for some type of federal student aid without providing parent information. **Please read through the following options carefully.**

Special Circumstances Option

You must contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend if you believe that you have a special circumstance that should be considered in determining your eligibility for federal student aid. However, not all situations are considered a special circumstance. For example, the following situations would **not** be considered as a special circumstance on their own:

- You do not live with your parents.
- Your parents don't provide you with financial support.
- Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses.
- Your parents don't claim you as a dependent on their income tax return.
- Your parents do not want to provide their information on your FAFSA.

Unsubsidized Loan Option

If you do not meet a requirement for a special circumstance and still choose to continue your application without providing parent information, you will only be considered for an Unsubsidized Loan. To request consideration for an Unsubsidized Loan, you must contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend.

Choose the appropriate option below based on your circumstances. ?

I will provide information about my parent(s)

I have a special circumstance and am unable to provide information about my parent(s)

I do not have a special circumstance, and am submitting my FAFSA without parent information to apply for an unsubsidized loan only

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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

**CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE DIRECTLY
to discuss special circumstances such as:**

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| • Unemployment | • Divorce or separation |
| • Loss of income | • Unusual medical expenses |
| • Parent(s) attending college | • One time income such as withdrawal of retirement funds for emergency purposes |

Any financial change not reflected on the FAFSA



Parents of applicants are offered the option to transfer the parents' data into another applicant's new FAFSA form by clicking the blue box saying "Does your brother or sister need to complete a FAFSA?"

2021-2022 Confirmation Page

L **Congratulations, First!**
Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

Confirmation Number: F 00600669903 07/13/2020 16:32:10
Data Release Number ([DRN](#)):2866

What Happens Next

- In 7-10 business days, we will mail you a Student Aid Report (SAR) notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

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Start your state application to apply for Iowa state-based financial aid.

Does your brother or sister need to complete a FAFSA?
If so, you can transfer your parents' information into a new FAFSA for your brother or sister to save time. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.



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University U	
Total Cost of Attendance	
Outside Scholarship	\$20,000
Other Outside Aid	\$1,500
Expected Family Contribution	\$500
Financial Need	\$8,000
	\$12,000
Federal Pell Grant	
State Scholarship Grant	\$0
Institutional Grant	\$1,000
Federal Perkins Loan	\$6,000
Federal Stafford Loans	\$0
Federal Work-Study	\$2,625
Total Award	\$2,375
	\$12,000

CAREFULLY REVIEW YOUR NOTIFICATION including the types of financial aid that you are offered.

COMPARE THE COST OF EACH SCHOOL - If you are undecided and list multiple schools on your FAFSA you may receive financial aid offers from each school you listed.

RESPOND QUICKLY to any request from a school asking that you provide additional information or complete a form to verify information reported on your FAFSA.

CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE if you have questions.



HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FAFSA?

Contact the Financial Aid Office at Northcentral Technical College

financialaid@ntc.edu

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