

# Completing the FAFSA

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It is important to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the application used to help determine student eligibility for financial aid. You can file as early as October 1 of your senior year. Make sure to file the FAFSA before your college's priority filing deadline to qualify for the most money.



## ASSISTANCE FILING THE FAFSA

If you have questions about your FAFSA, use the chat on our website ([get2college.org](http://get2college.org)). We can help!



## FEDERAL AID THAT A STUDENT CAN RECEIVE BY COMPLETING THE FAFSA:

- Pell Grant**- Free need based grant for undergraduate students.
- Work Study**- Part-time job for students with financial need.
- FESOG**- Grant for undergraduate students with exceptional financial need at participating schools.
- Student & Parent Loans**- *Learn more on page 38.*

## THE FAFSA IS FREE!

If a website asks you to pay to fill it out, you're not dealing with the official FAFSA site, [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).



# DOCUMENTS YOU NEED

(for starting college fall 2022)

The FAFSA asks for basic information about the student and parent and the family's financial situation. Depending on your circumstances, you might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA.

Parent(s) & student's:

- Legal names
- Social Security numbers
- Dates of birth
- Email addresses
- 2020 W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- 2020 Federal Income Tax Return (the 1040 form). If your parents or parent and step-parent file separately, have copies of both
- Mississippi ID or driver's license
- Alien Registration Number or Green Card (if applicable)

## IMPORTANT NOTE

You'll need marriage date, divorce date, or separation date for the parent with whom you live.

**Do not** use information from a grandparent, aunt, or anyone other than a parent unless you have been legally adopted (even if someone else claims you on the federal tax return).

# Financial Aid Data Sheet

Use this data sheet to record the required Federal Student Aid ID. This FSA ID will be used to log into the studentaid.gov website throughout your college career.

## The FAFSA

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date FAFSA submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

FAFSA Save Key: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT FSA ID:

Student Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Verified

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Verified

Question #1: What city were you born in? Answer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #2: What is your mother's maiden name? OR What is your high school's mascot?

Answer #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #4: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT FSA ID: Parent 1 or Parent 2 (circle one)

Parent Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Verified

Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Verified

Question #1: What city were you born in? Answer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #2: What is your mother's maiden name? OR What is your high school's mascot?

Answer #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #4: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mississippi Aid Application

msfinancialaid.org

Student Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Password: \_\_\_\_\_

### RENEW YOUR FAFSA & MISSISSIPPI AID ANNUALLY

Renew your financial aid with the step-by-step tutorial on the Get2College YouTube channel, or contact a Get2College counselor for a virtual appointment.

# What to do after submitting your FAFSA

## STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)

The processed FAFSA results will be sent to the colleges you listed on the FAFSA, and the college Financial Aid Office will determine the amount of financial aid you will receive.

Review your Student Aid Report to make sure the information is correct. If the information is incorrect, it may be necessary to go back into studentaid.gov and make corrections to a processed FAFSA.

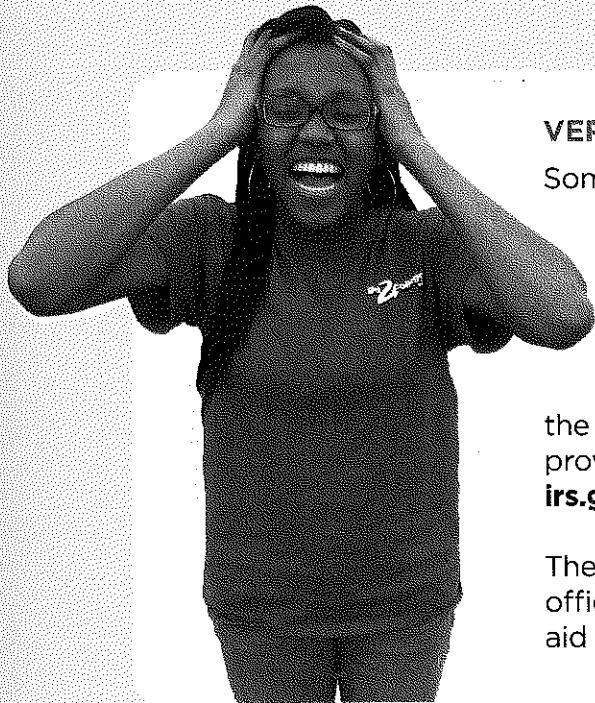
## FINANCIAL AID APPEAL

There are certain circumstances where you can file a financial appeal. For example, if your family's financial situation has changed since you completed your FAFSA or if the FAFSA didn't capture a financial obligation or difficulty your family is facing, you can request to have your financial aid offer reviewed again by the financial aid office. SwiftStudent is a FREE resource that helps you write your financial aid appeal letter. You'll be able to pick the situation that most applies to you and build your letter from their templates. <https://formswift.com/swift-student>.



## Federal Student Aid

Got questions about your FAFSA?  
Call 1.800.4FEDAID  
(1.800.433.3243)



## VERIFICATION

Some financial aid applications will be selected for a federally required verification process. This means that you will be expected to provide supporting documentation for the information on your FAFSA. You may be asked to verify household size, the number of students in college, or untaxed income. You may be asked to upload your tax return directly from the IRS using the FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval Tool, or you can provide an IRS Tax Return Transcript by requesting online at [irs.gov](https://irs.gov) or by calling **800.908.9946**.

The information requested must be sent to the financial aid office at the college. Most colleges will not make a financial aid award for you until verification is complete.

# Mississippi Aid Application (MAAPP)

[msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)

Apply as early as October 1 (of your senior year) at [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org). A link to the state aid website is also available from the FAFSA confirmation page.

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FINANCIAL AID

## MTAG - Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant

**Application deadline:**  
**September 15, 2022**

Pays \$500/year for freshmen or sophomores and \$1,000/year for juniors and seniors.

- Requires a 15 ACT
- 2.5 GPA
- Students cannot be maximum Pell eligible

## MESG - Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant

**Application deadline:**  
**September 15, 2022**

Pays \$2,500/year.

- Requires a 29 ACT
- 3.5 GPA

## HELP - Higher Education Legislative Plan

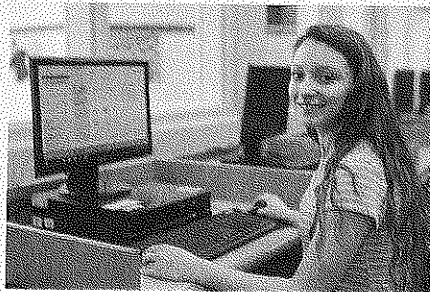
**Application deadline:**  
**March 31, 2022 with supporting documents due by April 30, 2022**

Covers **full tuition and required fees** for eight semesters at a public institution. Students attending a private institution in Mississippi will receive an award amount equal to the average tuition costs for the public Mississippi universities. Eligible students meet the following criteria:

- Requires a 20+ ACT
- 2.5+ GPA
- College Prep Curriculum
- Meet income requirements (\$39,500 adjusted gross income for family with one dependent). \$5,000 added to the requirement for each sibling under the age of 21.
- Be Pell eligible.

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid does accept ACT superscores through the July 2023 test date.

## What's next after applying for the state aid?



Mississippi Office of  
Student Financial Aid

[msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)

601.432.6997

- Check the status of your application through your student account at [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org) using your username and password (noted on page 35).
- After March, verify that your counselor has individually certified your coursework for the HELP Grant and submitted your GPA and ACT score by April 30.
- To continue to receive Mississippi aid, you must take and pass at least 15 hours each semester (fall/spring).



**Are you getting Missing Documents emails from Student Financial Aid?**

Check your MAAPP student portal for more information!