



Apply for Federal Student Aid

What is federal student aid?

It's money from the federal government that helps you pay for college, career school, or graduate school expenses. Federal student aid is available through grants, work-study funds, and loans.

How do I apply for aid?

You need to complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form by logging in at fafsa.gov to apply online, filling it out in the myStudentAid mobile app (available in the Apple App Store or the Google Play store), or completing and mailing the FAFSA PDF.

Students and parents will need an FSA ID (account username and password) to sign the form through the mobile app and online. You'll also use your FSA ID to access information about your financial aid on U.S. Department of Education websites. You can create an FSA ID in advance or while you fill out the FAFSA form. To find out more about the FSA ID, visit StudentAid.gov/help-center/answers/article/fsa-id.

When should I apply?

Each October, the FAFSA form is available for the next school year. You'll need to reapply for aid every year you are in school. Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA form depending on when you plan to go to school:

2022–23 Award Year

If you plan to attend college from
July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023

You will submit the
2022–23 FAFSA form

You can submit the FAFSA form from
Oct. 1, 2021–June 30, 2023

2021–22 Award Year

If you plan to attend college from
July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022

You will submit the
2021–22 FAFSA form

You can submit the FAFSA form from
Oct. 1, 2020–June 30, 2021



The FAFSA® form is free!

Completing and submitting the FAFSA form is free and quick, and it gives you access to most sources of financial aid to pay for college or career school—federal, state, and school resources.

Winston Salem Barber School Code: 030095

Who gets federal student aid?

Every student who meets certain eligibility requirements can get some type of federal student aid. Some of the most basic eligibility requirements for students are that you must

- demonstrate financial need (for most programs);
- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- have a valid Social Security number (some exceptions apply);
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- be enrolled at least half-time (for most programs); and
- maintain satisfactory academic progress in college, career school, or graduate school.

For the full list of eligibility requirements, visit StudentAid.gov/eligibility.



Are you considered a dependent or independent student when it comes to the FAFSA® form? Find out at StudentAid.gov/dependency.