

Helpful Hits to Complete the FAFSA Application

You must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for federal student aid and to apply for most state and college aid.

The first step is to apply for a PIN number. You can apply for your Federal Student Aid PIN at www.pin.edu.gov. Your Federal Student Aid PIN will allow you to electronically sign the FAFSA application. If you are providing parent information, one parent must sign the FAFSA application and should also apply for a Federal Student Aid PIN number.

You will need the following information to complete the FAFSA.

- Your Social Security Number.
- Your driver's license number if you have one.
- Your alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen.
- 2008 federal tax information or tax returns (including IRS W-2 information) for yourself (and your spouse if you are married).
- Information on untaxed income.
- Information on saving, investments, and business and farm assets.

To determine if you need your parent(s) information, you will be asked a series of questions. If you answer **NO** to all questions listed below, you will need your parent(s) information to complete the FAFSA.

- ✓ Were you born before January 1, 1986?
- ✓ At the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- ✓ As of today, are you married? (answer "YES" if you are separated but not divorced) "As of today" refers to the day that you sign your FAFSA.
- ✓ Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010?
- ✓ Do you have dependents other than your children/spouse who lives with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2010?
- ✓ Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- ✓ Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- ✓ When you were age 13 or older, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent/ward of the court?
- ✓ As of today, are you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- ✓ At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

- ✓ As of today, are you in legal guardianship as determined by court in your state of legal residence?
- ✓ At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- ✓ At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Once you have your Federal Student Aid PIN and all necessary information, go to www.fafsa.gov to complete the FAFSA application.

Enter school code 004619 when prompted. This code is needed to complete the application and send your information to our Financial Planning Department.

Please make sure you submit your application. You will receive a confirmation page with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) listed. Please print and keep for your record. If you provided your email address, you will receive information about your application within a few days after your application is processed.

If you have any questions while completing the FAFSA application please call 1-800-433-3243.