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# FAFSA

*opens doors*

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INITIATIVE

# ALL ABOUT THE FAFSA

◆ FAFSA stands for. . .

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

## FAST FACTS

Who should apply?

➔ **ALL** high school seniors or  
anyone seeking further education

- ✓ undecided about college?
- ✓ interested in changing careers?

What types of aid can I receive?

➔ grants, scholarships, work-study,  
and/or student loans

Who fills it out?

➔ students and their  
parent(s)/guardian(s)

WHEN DOES IT OPEN?

**Oct. 1**

Each October, the  
FAFSA is available  
for the next  
school year.

It's better to fill  
it out as early as  
you can  
because some  
aid is first come,  
first served.

## RESOURCES

FAFSA website: [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

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

WHAT DO I NEED TO  
**KNOW?**

*The FAFSA IS...*

- an annual application
- often required for private and institutional aid
- easy and simple to complete
- not just for college

✦ FAFSA can help pay for **2 & 4-year degree programs, trade schools, certifications, and more.**



**FAFSA** **MYTH**  
**BUSTED**



*"The FAFSA is too complicated."*

The FAFSA is easier than ever and takes under 30 minutes to complete.



*"I won't get money anyway."*

You might get more than you think. In addition to grants and scholarships, the FAFSA can qualify you for low-interest loans and work-study.



*"Higher education isn't for families like mine."*

Education is for everyone, and so is the FAFSA. It can make college, trade school, and technical programs more affordable.



# NEED HELP WITH *NEXT STEPS?*



To access additional  
information and resources,  
or to find a FAFSA  
completion event near you,  
**VISIT LAUNCHNW.ORG**



## Information Available In:

Arabic | Dari/Farsi | English | Japanese | Marshallese |  
Russian | Spanish | Swahili | Ukrainian | Vietnamese