



FEDERAL STUDENT AID

FAFSA4caster

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FAFSA Website

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"FAFSA4caster will help you understand your options for paying for college."

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Provide some basic information and we'll estimate your eligibility for federal student aid. Your estimate will be shown in the "College Cost Worksheet" where you can also provide estimated amounts of other student aid and savings that can go towards your college education.

Go ahead and get started now! If you need help for a question, select Help (?).

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Let's get started!



STUDENT INFORMATION

Enter in your Student information.

Click on the "?" if you need further understanding of the question(s).

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Student Information

Are you a U.S. citizen? ?

Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (or U.S. national) ▼

What is your date of birth? (mmddyyyy) ?

mm/dd/yyyy 📅

What is your marital status? ?

Select ▼

When you begin college, what will be your grade level? ?

Select ▼

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STUDENT INFORMATION cont.

Check the boxes that apply to you. This determines whether you are a **"Dependent"** or **"Independent"** Student.

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Student Information

Do you have children or other dependents that you support?

Yes No



i Read the following statements. Check all that apply or check **None of the above**.

I am on active duty or I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces



Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased



I was in foster care or I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13



I am currently or I was an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship



I am homeless



None of the above



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PARENTAL INFORMATION

Click on the "**Marital Status**" drop down menu to determine parent(s) status. Depending on situation there will be specific questions to answer.

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Parent Information

As of today, what is the marital status of your parents? ?

Married or Remarried

How old is your Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent)? ?

How old is your Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent)? ?

How many people are in your parents' household? ?

While you are in college, how many people in your parents' household will be college students? (Include yourself) ?

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PARENTAL INFORMATION example

Here is an example for "**Divorced or Separated**" parents

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Parent Information

As of today, what is the marital status of your parents? ?

Divorced or Separated

Which parent's information will be provided? ?

Father's Mother's

How old is your parent? ?

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Depending on whether Parents have filed their taxes recently will determine specific questions.

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Parent Information

Have your parents filed taxes recently? ?

Yes No

What was your parents' adjusted gross income from the most recent tax return? ?

\$.00

What is your parents' state of legal residence? ?

Oregon

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PARENTAL INFORMATION cont.

Enter all financial information. *Below is an example.*

Round up dollars without commas or decimal points. **Do not enter cents.**

Have your parents filed taxes recently? ?
 Yes No

What was your parents' adjusted gross income from the most recent tax return? ?
\$.00

Check the box to change the amount we assumed for assets. ?
i OK, we'll help you figure out what you should include as part of your parents' assets.

What is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? ?
\$.00

What is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate (not your parents' home)? ?
\$.00

What is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? ?
\$.00

What is your parents' state of legal residence? ?



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PARENTAL INFORMATION cont.

Enter all financial information. *Below is an example.*

Round up dollars without commas or decimal points. **Do not enter cents.**

The screenshot shows a web form for entering parental financial information. It includes several questions with input fields and radio buttons. A black arrow points to a checked checkbox, and another black arrow points to the 'NEXT' button.

Have your parents filed taxes recently? Yes No

What was your parents' adjusted gross income from the most recent tax return?
\$ 50,000 .00

Check the box to change the amount we assumed for assets.

OK, we'll help you figure out what you should include as part of your parents' assets.

What is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?
\$.00

What is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate (not your parents' home)?
\$.00

What is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms?
\$.00

What is your parents' state of legal residence?
Oregon

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additional STUDENT INFORMATION

Enter Student financial information.

Depending on whether you filed taxes recently will determine questions asked.

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Student Information

i Additional Student Information

Have you filed taxes recently? ?

Yes No

What is your state of legal residence? ?

Select ▼

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additional STUDENT INFORMATION cont.

Enter Student financial information.

Depending on whether you filed taxes recently will determine questions asked.

The screenshot shows a web interface for 'Student Information'. At the top is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, FSA ID, StudentAid.gov, and Help. Below this is a green header with a bar chart icon and the text 'Student Information'. The main content area is titled 'Additional Student Information' and contains three questions:

- 'Have you filed taxes recently?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. A help icon is to the right.
- 'What was your adjusted gross income from the most recent tax return?' with a text input field containing '\$' on the left and '.00' on the right. A help icon is to the right.
- 'What is your state of legal residence?' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select'. A help icon is to the right.

At the bottom of the form are four buttons: 'EXIT', 'NEED HELP?', 'PREVIOUS', and 'NEXT'. A black arrow points to the 'NEXT' button. At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text 'Site Last Updated: Sunday, March 15, 2020' and 'Download Adobe P'.



additional STUDENT INFORMATION cont.

Enter all financial information. *Below is an example.*

Round up dollars without commas or decimal points. **Do not enter cents.**

Additional Student Information

Have you filed taxes recently? ?
 Yes No

What was your adjusted gross income from the most recent tax return? ?
\$.00

Check the box to change the amount we assumed for assets. ?

OK, we'll help you figure out what you should include as part of your assets.

What is your total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? ?
\$.00

What is the net worth of your investments, including real estate (not your home)? ?
\$.00

What is the net worth of your current businesses and/or investment farms? ?
\$.00

What is your state of legal residence? ?



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STUDENT INFORMATION cont.

Click "**SUBMIT**"

The screenshot shows a web interface with a dark navigation bar at the top containing links for Home, About Us, FSA ID, StudentAid.gov, and Help. Below this is a teal header with a person icon and the text "Student Information". The main content area has a light blue background and contains the following text:

Now you're done and we can estimate your federal eligibility.

Keep in mind that the estimated information is a snapshot of the annual federal aid you may qualify for and is based on the information you provided and on certain assumptions we've built into *FAFSA4caster*. The financial aid you may actually receive may vary.

Click **Submit** to continue.

At the bottom of the content area, there are five buttons: "EXIT", "NEED HELP?", "PREVIOUS", "SUBMIT", and a partially visible "NEXT" button. The "SUBMIT" button is highlighted with a large orange arrow pointing to it from the right.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "Site Last Updated: Sunday, March 15, 2020" on the left and "Download Adobe Reader" on the right.

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It is helpful to determine how your financial aid is applied if you enter college name and cost of attendance. Click on "**College Scorecard**" to find out what your college costs are to attend. Enter in that amount.

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The "College Cost Worksheet" includes the estimated amount of federal student aid you may receive provided that you meet the [eligibility criteria](#).

But federal student aid is only one source of college funding. The "College Cost Worksheet" lets you enter amounts of other student aid and savings that can go towards your college education.

You can also provide the costs of a college you are interested in attending. Click **Calculate** when you're done and we'll tell you if you have enough funds to cover your college costs.

Enter the name of the college you plan to attend. (optional) ?

How much does the college cost? (Include tuition, room and board, books, and other expenses.) ?

\$.00

Visit [College Scorecard](#) if you don't know how much your college will cost.

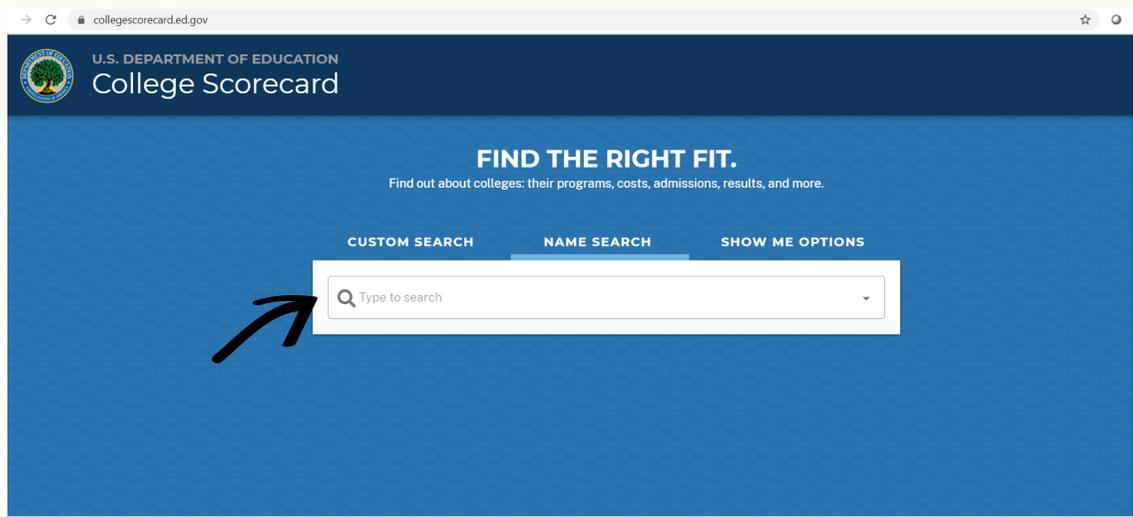
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COLLEGE SCORECARD

By clicking on "**College Scorecard**" you will enter in your college/school name.



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GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Depending on financial information entered can determine your estimated Federal Pell Grant, maximum amounts vary year to year. *This is an example.*

Click the "?" to find out what other sources of aid you can apply to.

Grants and Scholarships	
Federal Pell Grant	?
\$ <input type="text" value="2,045"/> .00	
State Grants (fill in an amount)	?
\$ <input type="text" value=""/> .00	
College Grants (fill in an amount)	?
\$ <input type="text" value=""/> .00	
Scholarships (fill in an amount)	?
\$ <input type="text" value=""/> .00	

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WORK-STUDY

Work Study shows what a Student can potentially earn while in school. *This is an example.* Student Loans show how much you can borrow from the federal government. **Amounts vary based on financial information provided.**

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How It Adds Up

Work-study

Federal Work-study is part-time employment where you can earn funds while enrolled at the school. Students are paid at least the federal minimum wage and the jobs can be on campus or off campus. Not all colleges participate in the Federal Work-study program and funds may be limited.

Federal Work-study (This amount is the national average for work-study)

\$.00

Student Loans

[Direct Stafford Loans](#) are low-interest loans for undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in college at least half-time. Federal student loans are borrowed funds that must be repaid.

Direct Stafford Loan

\$.00

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Direct Stafford Loan

Direct Stafford Loans are student loans that *must be repaid* and are available to both undergraduate and graduate students.

First-year undergraduates are eligible for loans up to \$5,500. Amounts increase for subsequent years of study, with higher amounts for graduate students. The interest rates may vary based on when the loan is borrowed. There are two types of Stafford loans:

- **Subsidized** Stafford loan - A loan for which the government pays the interest while you are in school, during grace periods, and during any deferment periods.
- **Unsubsidized** Stafford loan - A loan for which you are responsible for paying all the interest that accrues from the date of the first disbursement until the loan is paid in full.

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PARENT PLUS loan

Enter any information that may apply.

Below you will see the example of total estimated aid, the difference from the college costs, and expected family contribution or (EFC).

Additional resources you should consider:

Parents may apply for a [Parent PLUS Loan](#) to help pay their child's education expenses as long as certain eligibility requirements are met. Your parent may be eligible to apply for the amount displayed in the Difference field.

Direct PLUS Loan for Parents (fill in an amount) ?

\$.00

Savings is money that you and your parents plan to save for the purpose of contributing to your college expenses.

Savings (fill in an amount) ?

\$.00

You should also learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit* (AOTC).

College Cost You Entered ✓ Edit

\$.00

Total Aid Available ✓ Edit

This includes the federal student aid we estimated and any of the other aid you entered.

\$.00

Difference

\$.00

Your estimated EFC is 4138.

Note: *FAFSA4caster* provides an estimate of federal aid for one academic year. It is based on the information you entered and certain assumptions like full-time attendance.

FAFSA4caster is not the actual application and is offered to help you understand how you can pay for college. If you are attending college soon and want to receive federal student aid, you must complete the [FAFSA](#) and you must reapply each year.

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REMEMBER

Remember, this is a tool for educational financial planning purposes only. You can go back as many times to enter new dollar amounts to get comparisons.

Please contact Tribal Workforce Development or the Education Department if you need assistance with this or any other information.

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