

# FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE

(seriously)



File your  
FAFSA at  
**StudentAid.**  
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## There's a new FAFSA coming in December!

There'll be fewer questions, and more students will be eligible for free money to help pay for education and training beyond high school. The key is to get your FAFSA filed as soon as possible once it becomes available in December. (Watch for the exact date!) Want to learn more or get help with your FAFSA? FAME's FAFSA and financial aid help is always free!

**Application available in December**

Learn more: [FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA](https://FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA)

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## YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING...

**What's a FAFSA?** The FAFSA is the **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid. Colleges and universities use this application to determine your financial aid eligibility.

**Really? Free money?** The FAFSA is used by all schools to offer federal and state financial aid, including grants and scholarships (FREE) and federal student loans. Most schools also use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for their own grants and scholarships. Many organizations also require a FAFSA before awarding scholarships.

**I haven't applied to any colleges yet. Can I still file?** Yes. Don't wait to apply for financial aid – you can file your FAFSA even if you're still deciding on your plans for next year. Filing your FAFSA as early as possible is the best way to get the most financial aid you can.

**Will I qualify for financial aid?** Every student should file the FAFSA. There's no income cutoff for financial aid.

**How do I apply?** Apply online at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Typically the FAFSA becomes available on October 1, but this year the FAFSA is being revamped and won't be available until December. Financial aid funds are limited, so file your FAFSA as soon as possible to maximize your financial aid eligibility.

**Do I have to file every year?** Yes. To be considered for financial aid, you must file a FAFSA each year.

## HAVE QUESTIONS? GET HELP FROM FAME

### ONLINE:

[FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA](https://FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA)

### BY PHONE:

**800-228-3734 | TTY: 207-626-2717**

### BY EMAIL:

[Education@FAMEmaine.com](mailto:Education@FAMEmaine.com)

### ATTEND A HELP SESSION:

[FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA](https://FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA)

Attend a fall session to complete the steps required before you can file. Attend a winter session to get your FAFSA submitted!

### ON FACEBOOK:

**Join our group, "PayingForCollegeForME"**

A community where parents, caregivers, and others can discuss how to navigate the higher ed process.

### SIGN UP FOR FREE COACHING:

[FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA/coach](https://FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA/coach)

One-on-one help is available! Schedule an appointment.

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