

FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE.

(seriously.)

Don't miss out. File your FAFSA early.

There's money available to help pay for education and training beyond high school, but you need to file the FAFSA to be considered for it. Filing early is the best way to get the most financial aid. Need help filing your FAFSA? FAME offers help for free.

Application available October 1

Get started: fafsa.gov

Get help: famemaine.com/fafsa

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. Most schools also use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for their financial aid. This can include grants and scholarships (**FREE**) as well as federal student loans. 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 cut off for financial aid

How do I apply?

Apply online at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov). The FAFSA becomes available each year on October 1. Financial aid funds are limited, so the sooner you file the FAFSA after October 1, the better chance you'll have to get FREE grants and scholarships.

Do I have to file every year?

Yes. To be considered for financial aid, you must file a FAFSA each year. After your first year, you'll be able to file a renewal FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov), making it even easier.

HAVE QUESTIONS? GET HELP FROM FAME

We know that filing the FAFSA can be confusing. FAME is here to help.

Get help at [FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA](https://famemaine.com/FAFSA)

Comprehensive information for Mainers about the FAFSA.

Talk to a FAME FAFSA expert

Call or email with any questions you have.
800-228-3734 | TTY: 207-626-2717
education@famemaine.com

Join the "PayingForCollegeForME" Facebook group

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

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