



2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Beginning October 1, 2020, students can begin completing the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov.

Students and parents will utilize 2019 tax information to complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA. Prior to filing the FAFSA, students and parents will each need to create an FSA ID via the [FSA ID website](https://fsaid.ed.gov). Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible, as some state/federal financial aid grants are first-come, first-served. Students must ensure they file the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. Students will never pay to file the FAFSA. Upon FAFSA completion, students will receive an email confirming their FAFSA submission, which will include FAFSA submission date and time. Students should save the confirmation email for their records.

In order to remain TN Promise eligible, students must complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA by February 1, 2021.

Documentation needed in order to successfully file the 2021-2022 FAFSA:

- Student and parent/legal guardian FSA IDs
- 2019 Federal Tax Return or other income documentation
- Social Security number(s)
- Driver's license (if any)
- 2019 tax information for student and parent/legal guardian(s)
 - Most parents/legal guardians/students can import their 2019 tax information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool via FAFSA.
- 2019 untaxed income records, such as child support received and veterans non-education benefits
- Current information on checking and savings account balances; stock, bond, and other investments; and business and farm assets
- Alien registration card (if student is not a U.S. citizen)

Remember: Students cannot file the 2021-2022 FAFSA before October 1, 2020. If a student needs assistance while completing the FAFSA, the student can contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center- 1.800.433.3243. Students can also reach out to [tnAchieves](https://tnachieves.org). We are happy to help!

FSA ID creation: Students and parents that possess a valid Social Security Number must visit www.fsaid.ed.gov to create an FSA ID prior to FAFSA completion. This is the only site for FSA ID creation. The parent and student must have two working email accounts to create FSA IDs. The email addresses cannot be the same for student and parent. It is recommended that students use a personal email address instead of a high school email as the email could be deactivated after graduation. Since FSA ID is the student and parent's electronic signature, it is important that FSA ID information is stored in a secure place for future reference should changes need to be made after FAFSA submission.