## Big FAFSA<sup>®</sup> changes are here

Different doesn't mean bad: we've got your back so you don't miss a beat.

Completing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) just got easier, but let's review the changes so you're prepared!

## What do you need?

If you're a dependent student, you'll need this information for both you and your parents.

- ✓ You and your parents will need an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID to access the FAFSA® and sign the form electronically. The FSA ID must be obtained at **studentaid.gov** before you start the FAFSA®, and we recommend applying for the FSA ID 3-5 days before you plan on starting the FAFSA®.
- ✓ Your Social Security number
- ✓ Your parents' Social Security numbers (SSN). Parents without a social security number need to check the box stating "I do not have an SSN".
- ✓ What's no longer needed? Student and parent tax documents. All of this information will be automatically accessed from the IRS through the FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange (FADDX).



Keep in mind that filing the FAFSA® is free—you should never be asked to pay to complete the form.



If your financial aid status has changed, you must complete the FAFSA® with the information required, and then follow up with your school's financial aid office for further advice.



To be eligible for federal financial aid, you must file the FAFSA® for each year you'll be in school.



Don't miss out on financial aid.
Get more information at salliemae.com/gofafsa

## **Submission time frames**

Academic year **2024 – 2025** 

Submit your FAFSA® beginning **December 31, 2023** 

Academic year **2025 – 2026** 

Submit your FAFSA® beginning **October 1, 2024** 

Academic year **2026 – 2027** 

Submit your FAFSA® beginning **October 1, 2025** 



\*Source: FAFSA application submission time frames and required tax information are projected based on information provided at https://studentaid.gov

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