There is FREE Help Available

ONLINE

At **www.fafsa.ed.gov**, "Help" buttons on every page of the online application will take you to additional help. You can also click the "Live Help" button to chat with a customer service representative directly online between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight Eastern time.

For additional information, go to the online version of *Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid* at **www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/pubs**. This guide covers a range of topics, from preparing for college to repaying student loans.
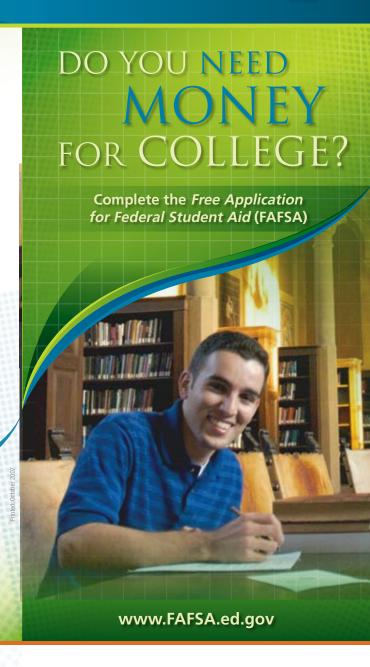
BY PHONE

For help toll-free between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight Eastern time, call **1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)** or **1-800-730-8913 (TTY)** for the hearing impaired.

IN PERSON

Talk with your high school counselor or contact the financial aid office at your college or career school.

www.FAFSA.ed.gov

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DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

Complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA)

www.FAFSA.ed.gov

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You must complete and submit the FAFSA to apply for federal student aid for college or career school and for most state and institutional aid.

Here are your options for applying:

- ▶ The quickest way to apply is online using FAFSA on the Web at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.
    or
- ▶ Go to **www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov** and download a PDF version of the FAFSA.
    or
- ▶ Call **1-800-4-FED-AID** and request a paper application.

GO FURTHER

Financial aid offices use information from the FAFSA to determine if you are eligible to receive federal student aid from grants, loans and work-study programs. States and schools also use the information from the FAFSA to determine if you qualify for additional aid. So be sure to fill out a FAFSA even if you think you won't qualify for federal aid.

OTHER USEFUL TIPS

GET A FEDERAL STUDENT AID PIN

The PIN allows you to sign your FAFSA electronically. Even if you do not file online, a PIN is useful because it can be used to access and to correct your processed FAFSA information later. Apply for your PIN at **www.pin.ed.gov**. If you are providing parent information on the FAFSA, one of your parents must also sign your application. To sign electronically, your parent should apply for his or her own PIN.

GATHER THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO APPLY

- ▶ Your Social Security number and your parents' Social Security numbers if you are providing parent information.
- ▶ Your driver's license number if you have one.
- ▶ Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen.
- ▶ Federal tax information or tax returns, including W-2 information, for yourself, for your spouse if you are married, and for your parents if you are providing parent information, using income records for the year prior to the academic year for which you are applying.
- ▶ Records of untaxed income, such as Social Security benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and veterans benefits, for yourself (and for your parents if you are providing parent information); and information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for yourself (and for your parents if you are providing parent information).

BE AWARE OF DEADLINES

You may have to meet application deadlines, depending on your college and where you live. State and school deadlines are usually earlier than federal deadlines.

THE *FAFSA ON THE WEB WORKSHEET*

This worksheet is optional but can be useful if you decide to file your FAFSA online. Your college or high school might have a copy of the worksheet, or you can print one from **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.

FOLLOW UP ON YOUR FAFSA

Your application will be processed and you will receive your *Student Aid Report* (SAR) by e-mail or by mail. You should review your SAR for any necessary corrections or updates. If you do not hear from us within three weeks, go to **www.fafsa.ed.gov** and select "**Check the Status of a Submitted FAFSA;**" or you may call **1-800-4-FED-AID**.