

# What is FAFSA?

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*Suggested timeframe of completion: October 1- March 15*

You've probably heard your counselor or other adults talk about THE FAFSA<sup>®</sup>. FAFSA stands for *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*, which is the form students complete to apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans to help pay for college and training. It's also used by states and schools to determine your eligibility for scholarships. This important document will help you determine what your out-of-pocket expenses will be for completing your certificate or degree program.

[Learn more about the FAFSA by visiting ED Homeroom](#)

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Test your FAFSA understanding by answering the following questions

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**Now that you know a bit more about the FAFSA what questions do you still have about completing it?**

**Do you know where to go to get these questions answered?**

No

**Mark As Complete**

No