

College
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FAFSA

Completed your FAFSA? Wait! You're not done yet!

Completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step to qualify for federal student financial assistance and a variety of other sources of aid for college. After you complete the FAFSA make sure you follow the steps outlined below so you don't miss out on getting your award letter in a timely manner.

To Do: ASAP

- Have you submitted at least 1 application for admission to a college, university or vocational institution? You cannot receive a financial aid award letter without being admitted.

To Do: In the next 30-60 days

- Some financial aid applications will be selected for a process called verification. You and your family may have to provide copies of financial documents to the financial aid office to verify the information submitted on your FAFSA is accurate. Check with your postsecondary institution to see how they will communicate with you if this information is needed (email, letter, or online).
- If the institution requests any additional documentation from you or your family **it is important to submit it quickly** in order to complete your file and be considered for the greatest amount of aid. Many financial aid programs are awarded to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis and if you do not have a complete file you may not be considered.

To Do: After you get a Financial Aid Award Letter

- Once you are admitted and your financial aid file is complete, you can generally expect to receive your Financial Aid Award offer within 30-60 days. An award letter will outline the types and the amount of financial aid that will be offered to you. Make sure to review the information carefully as there may be additional steps that are required to "accept" the aid. If you have questions about the award offer, be sure to contact your college/university financial aid office for assistance.

If your or your family have an extenuating circumstance that you could not report on the FAFSA be sure to speak with the financial aid office about the possibility of having your aid package re-evaluated.

HELP! I Didn't Complete My FAFSA!

Don't panic! You can still complete your FAFSA online at <https://fafsa.gov>. If you need assistance you can utilize the following **FREE** resources:

- Download step-by-step instructions online at <https://collegegoal.az.gov/college-goal-fafsa>
- Contact the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend
- Contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center 1-800-433-3243
- Visit one of Arizona's College Access Resource Centers

- **Phoenix: College Depot**

Phone: (602) 261-8847

Web: www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot

- **Flagstaff: Northern Arizona College Resource Center**

Phone: (602) 688-5379

Web: <https://nau.edu/northern-arizona-college-resource-center/>

- **Tucson: Regional College Access Center**

Phone: (520) 670-0055

Web: www.metedu.org/rcac

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