

Hello seniors and parents,

I wanted to let you know that the current news on FAFSA is that the federal government has promised to have it ready by December 31.

While we wait, make sure that you have filled out your FSA ID request form so that as soon as FAFSA is open, you'll be ready to go. Once you fill out the FSA ID form it might take a few days to receive your FSA ID. Every **STUDENT *and at least*** one PARENT/GUARDIAN must have their own FSA ID ***before*** they can file the FAFSA. On this form (and on the FAFSA form), the parents/guardians are referred to as "Contributor 1" and "Contributor 2".

I'm attaching some information and worksheets to help you get your FSA ID set up now and also to help complete the FAFSA once it opens.

It is important to file your FAFSA as early as you can for three reasons:

- 1) The sooner you file, the sooner colleges can put together your financial aid offer. The sooner you have all of your financial aid offers, the sooner you can begin to compare offers and make the best decisions for your families.
- 2) Money that is available through FAFSA is limited. Once the FAFSA money is gone, it's gone. It's a "first come, first served" kind of situation. The Indiana deadline for filing the FAFSA is April 15, but don't wait!
- 3) Federal student loans are only available through FAFSA. If you are planning to use federal student loans at all, you must file the FAFSA. Also, most colleges and universities don't like to give out scholarship money unless you have a FAFSA on file.

Remember to go back to the college admissions reps at private universities after your FAFSA is filed and ask if there is anything else they can do. Most of the time, they will find something if you ask. It can be helpful to go back to them again in May. At that time, they'll have some students who have decided to go to a different school, so there should be unused scholarship money. Don't ask the financial aid office - ask your admissions counselor! The financial aid office is not usually all that interested in finding money to give away!

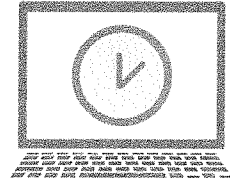
The state of Indiana is also now requiring that every senior file the FAFSA. If you need any help, the people at [INvested Indiana](#) offer free FAFSA help and they are amazing! If you want them to, they will meet with you and sit next to you to help while you fill everything out. You can also reach out to me and if I can help I will, or I will find answers for you! We've got this!!

[Completing the FAFSA](#)



WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form current and prospective college students complete to potentially access federal, state and institutional financial aid.



Filing the FAFSA can help make the cost of obtaining a college degree or postsecondary credential manageable. Hoosiers benefit from having education and training beyond high school because both unlock doors to job security and economic opportunity.

How do I file?

To file the 2024-2025 FAFSA, students and families must use **2022 federal tax information**. The FAFSA can be completed in two ways:

- At studentaid.gov
- On the paper application

Filing online is recommended when possible, and the FAFSA is free!

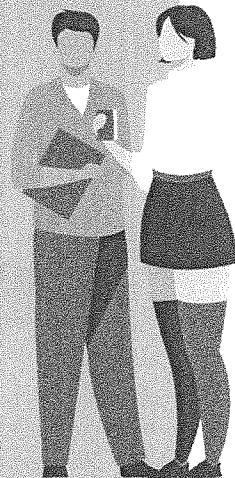
When do I file the FAFSA?

Indiana students should file a FAFSA between **December** and **April 15** of their senior year of high school and each year they plan to attend college.

Some institutions have FAFSA deadlines that fall before the state deadline of April 15, so students should check with their college or university to verify their deadline.

What do I need to file?

- ✓ An FSA ID for student and parent (can be created at FAFSA.gov)
- ✓ Student and parent/guardian Social Security numbers (or alien registration numbers)
- ✓ Parent/guardian and student 2022 tax records, records of assets and untaxed income
- ✓ List of schools to which you wish to send your FAFSA information (up to 20 schools)



ECONOMIC METRICS BY EDUCATION LEVEL		
EDUCATION LEVEL	INDIANA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2022)	WAGES - MEDIAN INCOME (U.S.) (2021)
LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	6.6%	\$31,300
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	2.9%	\$40,450
SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE	2.2%	\$46,300
BACHELOR'S DEGREE + UP	2.0%	\$72,900

The FAFSA takes less than an hour to complete. Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/FAFSA or scan the QR code to learn more and obtain assistance.





If you or your parent/guardian do not have a social security number, please visit studentaid.gov or call **888-528-4719** for more information on how to file the FAFSA.















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INDIANA FINANCIAL AID

Indiana has financial aid for all types of students. To qualify, file the **FAFSA by April 15** of your senior year of high school (and each following year too). Check out these options, and visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/statefinancialaid to see all your state financial aid options.

TYPE		ADULT SCHOLARSHIP
		EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
		MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP
		OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

WHAT IS IT?	WHO QUALIFIES?	HOW MUCH?	TYPE
ADULT SCHOLARSHIP Similar Programs	Income-eligible Hoosier students, must be enrolled or apply during 7th or 8th grade year	Up to 100% tuition cost for four years of at an eligible Indiana college	
ADULT SCHOLARSHIP Adult Education	Hoosier adults who are starting or completing an associate degree, bachelor's degree or certificate	A renewable award of up to \$2,000 at an eligible Indiana college	
CHILD OF VETERAN AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	Hoosier students whose parent is a disabled military veteran or deceased or disabled public safety officer	Up to 100% of tuition cost at a public Indiana college and \$5,000 at a private Indiana college	
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP Student Teaching	Black or Hispanic Hoosier students who will be participating in student teaching during the upcoming academic year	The amount varies based on student need and available funds	
INTERNSHIPS	Hoosier students who demonstrate financial need	Varies , but all internships are paid at least federal minimum wage	
LEARN MORE INDIANA Scholarship	Full-time Hoosier college students with financial need; students may receive more aid if they earn an honors diploma in high school, maintain a 3.0 GPA in college, complete more credit hours or earn an associate degree	Up to \$12,400 , depending on your college and your financial need	
INDIANA AIR FORCE GUARD Scholarship	Hoosier students who are active members of the Indiana Air or Army National Guard	Up to 100% of tuition cost at a public Indiana college and \$5,000 at a private Indiana college	
INDIANA EARLY GRADUATION Scholarship	Hoosier students who graduate from a public Indiana high school at least one year early	A one-time award of up to \$4,000 at an eligible Indiana college	
HEAD GENERATION HOOSIER Educators Scholarship	High-achieving Hoosier high school and college students who plan to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduation	Up to \$10,000 per year for four years at an eligible Indiana college	
HOOSIER TEACHER Scholarship	Hoosier students who plan to teach in a high-need field where there is a shortage of candidates in Indiana	The amount varies based on student need and available funds	
WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD MILITARY Teacher Scholarship	Black or Hispanic Hoosier students majoring in education who plan to teach in Indiana for at least three years after graduation	The amount varies based on student need and available funds	
WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE Scholarship	Hoosier students who enroll in a high-demand certificate program at Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University or another approved training provider	Up to 100% of tuition cost at Ivy Tech, Vincennes or another approved training provider	

*For full requirements, see LearnMoreIndiana.org/statefinancialaid



Create your Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID)

Go to studentaid.gov and click "Create account" then "Get Started".

1 Enter your **Name, Date of birth, and Social Security Number.**

Username: Choose something you will remember and hasn't already been taken.

Note: You will see a message that says "Username Available" or "Username Taken" once you meet the minimum field requirements.

2 **Email:** Must be personal and unique to the individual requesting the ID and unique to the account owner.

Password: Choose something you will remember that meets the password criteria and minimum field requirements.

Mailing Address, City, State, and Zip Code

3 **Mobile Phone:** Must be personal and unique to the individual requesting the ID and unique to the account owner.

Note: Make sure to check the box which allows you to use your mobile phone for account recovery.

Communication Preferences

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- Required Communications - Email (Automatically selected) *Recommended*
 - Informal Communications - Optional (You may leave both boxes unchecked)
 - Language Preference - Automatically defaults to English

Challenge Questions: You must select and answer all four questions.

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- Your answers must be between 3 and 55 characters.
 - Answers are not case sensitive.
 - Letters, numbers, and spaces are the only allowed characters.

6 **Review ALL information and click on the check box, agreeing to the terms and conditions.**

Account Recovery:

Click on "Verify My Mobile Phone Number"

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- You will receive a 6-digit code via text. Enter the secure code in the box provided.

Click on "Verify My Email Address"

- You will receive a 6-digit code via email. Enter the secure 6-digit code in the box provided.

Two-Step Verification

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- Configure your verification option(s): phone, email, or authenticator app.
 - Write down your backup code.

Note: Backup code can only be used once if you cannot use any other verification method.

Contact INvestEd with any questions!

✉ Outreach@INvestEdIndiana.org

☎ 317-715-9007

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FAFSA Checklist

Create your FSA ID and start your FAFSA!

StudentAid.gov

Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID)

Student:

Username: _____

Password: _____

Personal Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Backup Code: _____

Challenge Question Answers:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Contributor 1:

Username: _____

Password: _____

Personal Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Backup Code: _____

Challenge Question Answers:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

APR 15

FAFSA priority deadline for State of Indiana grants

Helpful items when filing the FAFSA:

- Tax return
- W2s
- Current bank statement
- Investment records (non-retirement)
- Value of real estate/rental property (excluding the home you live in)
- Federal work study earnings
- Money received or paid on your behalf
- Child support paid or received
- Veterans non-education benefits

Contributor 2:

Username: _____

Password: _____

Personal Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Backup Code: _____

Challenge Question Answers:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

FREE FAFSA filing help: 317-715-9007

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2024-2025 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID NONPARTICIPATION FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING DURING THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

State Form 57326 (10-23)
INDIANA COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (CHE)

Indiana students who attend public schools or Choice Eligible private schools (as defined by IC 20-51-1-4.7) must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)ⁱ. School staff must communicate to students and parents/guardians about the opportunity to file the FAFSA. Additional FAFSA completion assistance is offered by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's Outreach Coordinatorsⁱⁱ and INvestEdⁱⁱⁱ.

Alternatively, parents/guardians can opt their students out of the requirement. Additionally, students who are 18 years of age or legally emancipated can opt themselves out. Parents/guardians and students who wish to opt out must complete the form below. Once completed, please submit the forms to the students' high schools for entry into the ScholarTrack system.

Student Information

School Name:		
County:	State Testing Number (STN):	
Student First Name:	Student Last Name:	Date of Birth (mm, dd, yyyy):

Parent/Guardian Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Home Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code):	
Telephone Number ()	Email Address:

I understand what the FAFSA is, and I choose not to submit a completed FAFSA at this time. I also understand that by not completing the FAFSA, I will neither be considered for state nor federal financial aid. Students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to review financial aid opportunities at <https://learnmoreindiana.org/>.

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the student listed above, or I am the student and I am either at least 18 years of age, or a legally emancipated minor.

Please check here if you agree to the statements above in bold: Yes

Print Name:	Date:
Signature:	

ⁱ Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 167-2023 (FAFSA). Students can file the FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

ⁱⁱ Find your Outreach Coordinator at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/contact](https://learnmoreindiana.org/contact).

ⁱⁱⁱ Receive free FAFSA filing at [INvestEdIndiana.org](https://investedindiana.org).