

Who fills out what?

Students

- When applying, make sure it is under the student's account
- Majority of the application requires the student's information - includes student income tax information, if applicable
- Information going to need:
 - Social Security Number
 - Date of Birth
 - Student's Income Tax/ W2 Forms (if applicable)

Parents

- Parent Income Tax Information
- Information going to need:
 - Social Security Number
 - Date of Birth
 - If married, month/year of officiated marriage
 - if divorced, month/year of officiated divorce
 - Income Tax Forms/ W2 Forms

Additional Information

- If confused or lost during the application process:
 - There should be a help box on the right of the screen
 - Provides additional help and details as to what is being asked
- If that still didn't help:
 - Contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243

Hours of Operation: Central Time

- Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday 12 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Can also email or web chat with the center
 - Link to gain access:
<https://studentaidhelp.ed.gov/app/home/site/fafsa>

The screenshot shows the 'Student Tax Information' section of the FAFSA application. It includes questions about tax return completion for 2014, filing status, and whether taxes were filed electronically. A red box highlights the 'Help and Hints' section on the right, which provides instructions on how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and what to do if it's not available.

Student Tax Information

For 2014, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

For 2014, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return?

Help and Hints

Did you file your taxes electronically in the last 3 weeks (or by mail in the last 11 weeks)?

If you filed your taxes electronically within the last three weeks, or by mail within the last eleven weeks, select **Yes**; otherwise, select **No**.

If you filed your taxes within either of those timeframes, then your tax return information might not be available from the IRS. You can attempt to use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#); however, if you are not able to transfer your tax return information into your FAFSA at this time, you can try again in a week or two or you can manually enter your tax return information.

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What's FAFSA?

- **Free Application For Student Aid**
- helps provide federal financial aid for those in need of paying for college
- an application will need to be submitted once every year a student is enrolled in their university/college
 - Opens October 1st
 - Suggested deadline: March 15th
 - Try to file **EARLY**; first come first serve
- www.fafsa.ed.gov



What's offered?

- **Federal Grants** - Doesn't need to be paid back
- **Subsidized Loans** - Interest doesn't accrue until after 6 months after graduating
- **Unsubsidized Loans** - interest accrues after loan disbursement
- **Work Study** - part-time jobs within the university

How are awards calculated?

- **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** - calculated amount parent's are able to contribute to paying tuition
 - student's eligibility for student aid
 - Possible eligibility for Grants if $EFC = 0$
- **Cost of Attendance (COA)** - varies depending on the university/college
- Subtract the **EFC** by the **COA**

FSA ID

- before starting the application, both student and primary parent must make a FSA ID
- This ID will serve as a log in and an electronic signature for the student and parent at the end of the application
- **MAKE SURE:**
 - both student and parent enter the **CORRECT** social security number
 - email address is accessible to verify account and both must provide **SEPERATE** emails
- How to:
 - Click "Start New FAFSA"
 - Click "Enter your (the student's) FSA ID"
 - Click the blue link "Create an FSA ID"
 - Enter the required information