



The time to complete your **FAFSA is NOW!**

FAFSA HELP IS AVAILABLE!

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for Resources

Every year, billions of dollars in financial aid are awarded to students to make college affordable. The only way to access this money for college or career school is by completing the FAFSA or MN Dream Act!

Why is the FAFSA important?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is an online application used to award state, federal, and college-based financial aid. Whether you are attending a 2-year college, 4-year university, or a career or trade school, filling out the FAFSA is the most important step in accessing free money for college.

For Minnesotans with undocumented status, the state's Dream Act application is an online form that is also used to apply for state and college based financial aid. See if you are eligible for the Dream Act by visiting www.ohe.state.mn.us/mndreamact.

Don't think you'll qualify? Think again!

Over \$2.5 billion is awarded to undergraduates in Minnesota every school year. This number includes federal, state, and college-based financial aid. The majority of students will receive some type of aid, so it is always worth the time to complete this free application.

**Both forms are
safe and secure.**

The information you provide, like tax details and Social Security numbers, are used to determine your financial aid award. This information is encrypted and protected to ensure your safety.

The FAFSA and MN Dream Act are your applications for the Minnesota State Grant, North Star Promise and more financial aid!

Here are just a couple financial aid programs waiting for you to apply:

- The **Minnesota State Grant** awards over \$200 million in financial aid every year. This grant is available to students at both private and public institutions.
- The **North Star Promise** program will cover the full cost of your tuition and fees at any public college, public university or tribal college in the state if your family earns less than \$80,000 a year.
- The **Fostering Independence Grant** is available to Minnesotans who were in the foster care system. This grant will cover the full cost of your attendance, including tuition and fees, an allowance for books, supplies, transportation, miscellaneous expenses, and housing and food.



Getting stuck?

FAFSA help is available!

If you need help completing your FAFSA or Dream Act, there are many options:

- ✓ **Federal FAFSA hotline:**
1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)
- ✓ **Minnesota Office of Higher Education hotline:**
1-651-642-0567 or 1-800-657-3866, Press 2
- ✓ **Contact your high school college and career counselor**
- ✓ **Contact the financial aid office of the college you enrolled**



It's not too late to apply!

If you're thinking about attending college this fall, it's not too late to apply. Submit your FAFSA or MN Dream Act now.

You can make an appointment to get 1:1 support:

Connect with one of the following college access groups who have staff ready and able to assist you.

- ✓ **COLLEGE POSSIBLE**
For students statewide, make an appointment on the College Possible website: www.collegepossiblefafsa.org
- ✓ **ACHIEVE TWIN CITIES**
For students attending Minneapolis Public Schools and Saint Paul Public Schools, visit the Achieve Twin Cities website to contact a team member at your school: www.achievetwincities.org/career-and-college-readiness-centers

Complete your FAFSA

➔ <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa>



For students who are U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens

Complete your Minnesota Dream Act

➔ www.ohe.state.mn.us/mndreamact



For students who are undocumented