Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Did the student complete the FAFSA for the previous academic year?

NO

Does the student plan to apply online?

NO

Complete the full paper FAFSA application and return it in the envelope provided.

YES

Does the student have a FSA ID?

NO

Go to fsaid.ed.gov to create a FSA ID or create one while completing the FAFSA online.

YES

Go to www.fafsa.gov and click on Start A New FAFSA.

Students who used the FAFSA4Caster or who completed the FAFSA the previous year will be given the option of pre-filling some of the answers on the new FAFSA with previous responses.

Minnesota students should be sure to click on the Minnesota link on the FAFSA Confirmation page to be considered for state financial aid.

Has the student received the Student Aid Report (SAR)?

If an e-mail address was included on the FAFSA, the student will receive a link to the SAR within three to five days for online applications or within four weeks for paper applications.

If and e-mail address was NOT included on either the paper or online FAFSA, the student will receive a paper SAR in the mail within four weeks.

NO

Go to www.fafsa.gov and click on View Your Student Aid Report.

Or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (800) 433-3243.

YES

Review the information on the SAR. Is it correct?

NO

Go to www.fafsa.gov and click on Make A Correction. Or, make the corrections on the paper SAR and return it promptly.

YES

The schools the student listed on the FAFSA will receive the SAR electronically and use the information to prepare a financial aid package for the student.

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