

FAFSA4caster

Preparing for college takes planning and organization.

Paying for college takes financial aid. FAFSA4caster will help you get an early start on the financial aid process.

What is FAFSA4caster?

FAFSA4caster is a financial aid estimator that you can use before officially applying for financial aid using the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA).

FAFSA4caster will provide you with an estimate of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is an index that colleges use to determine what types of student aid you may receive. Using your EFC, FAFSA4caster will then determine what types of federal grants, loans, and work-study you may qualify for and will provide you an estimated award amount for each.

Who can use FAFSA4caster?

Any student, regardless of age or year in school, may use FAFSA4caster before officially applying using the FAFSA.

How do I access FAFSA4caster?

Go to www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov.

What should I do after using FAFSA4caster?

FAFSA4caster will provide information on next steps in the financial aid process. Also, Federal Student Aid will send you a reminder to complete the FAFSA.

Important: After using FAFSA4caster, you should continue to research additional options for financial aid. FAFSA4caster provides you with other sources to check out.

Where can I go for additional information?

For more detailed information, you should visit www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov or you may call us at 1-800-4-FED-AID (TTY for the hearing impaired: 1-800-730-8913).



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College!

*Take a quick break
and think about
planning for college!*

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Federal Student Aid

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Preparing for college takes planning and organization. Paying for college takes financial aid.

FAFSA4caster will help you get an early start on the financial aid process by:

- Providing you with an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid.
- Giving you an experience similar to *FAFSA on the Web*
- Allowing you to transfer all of your FAFSA4caster data to *FAFSA on the Web* once you are ready to apply for aid.
- Providing you the option to apply for your Federal Student Aid PIN.
- Increasing your knowledge of the financial aid process, and providing information about other sources of aid.

Another feature of FAFSA4caster is the "FAFSA4caster Tip". These tips appear throughout the site and provide you with information that will help make preparing for college and the financial aid process easier.

Go ahead and get started... use FAFSA4caster now!

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Get Started

A

Understanding financial aid. What is federal student aid? Who qualifies? How do you apply? Get an early start on the financial aid process by learning the basics now. It can be as easy as A-B-C!

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Use the FAFSA4caster

B

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Take the Next Step

C

What are your next steps? Learn how to transition from FAFSA4caster to *FAFSA on the Web*, follow the financial aid timeline, and perform searches for scholarships and other types of non-federal financial aid.

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Scheduled Maintenance:

FAFSA4caster will be unavailable on every Sunday from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Eastern Time). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



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Welcome to the Federal Student Aid PIN Web site



This Web site is your source of information for the Federal Student Aid PIN.

Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your Federal Student Aid records online. If you receive a PIN, you agree not to share it with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records, so you should never give your PIN to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place.

Apply For A PIN

The PIN Application is for students and parents who want to apply for a Federal Student Aid PIN.

[APPLY NOW](#)

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