

2012-2013 FAFSA Follow-Up

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Information about your deadlines.

School Code Search
Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

FAFSA Filing Options
Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.

Announcements

- The new 2011-2012 FAFSA is here! To begin your application, click Start Here above.

Thinking About College?

Use *FAFSA4caster* to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college!

Watch real students share why they are going to college.

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Check Your Status
3-5 days after
submitting the FAFSA
on-line
Or
7-10 days after
mailing a paper
FAFSA

*Students will need
their PIN Number to
check the status
of a submitted FAFSA*

Start Here
Select 2012-2013 FAFSA

What happens after you file the FAFSA?

1. The FAFSA Processor will analyze the information on your FAFSA, using a formula established by Congress and calculate an **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** for you. *Note: The EFC is not an award of Financial Aid.*
2. The results of your application will be sent to the schools you listed on your application (FAFSA) and to you in the form of a *Student Aid Report (SAR)* or a *SAR Acknowledgement*. If you have a valid email address and your name, date of birth and Social Security Number match the records in the Social Security Administration and you and your parents (if required) have signed the application, you will receive an e-mail that provides a link to view and print your SAR information.
3. If a signature is missing and/or your information does not match Social Security Administration records you will receive your SAR in the mail.
4. The schools you listed on your FAFSA will determine your financial need at their institution. **Financial Need** is the difference between the school's cost of attendance and your **EFC**. To meet your **Financial Need** each institution will send a notice of financial aid eligibility (Award Notice/Letter). The notice of financial aid eligibility may be electronic. This notice will list the types and amounts of financial aid you are eligible to receive at their institution. *Please Note: Federal Loans are a type of financial aid.*
5. If you have unusual circumstances, such as high medical expenses or a significant change in income from one year to the next, contact the financial aid administration at the school you will be attending. The Financial Aid Administration may decide on a case by case basis to adjust data elements used to calculate your EFC. **Note: The financial aid administrator's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the Department of Education.**
6. **VERIFICATION** is a process where your school must verify the data reported on your FAFSA. (Not all applicants for financial aid are selected for verification. It is a random selection.) The school will ask you to complete forms that document the information you reported on your FAFSA. You will also be required to submit a Tax Return Transcript of your Federal Tax Return and other information that documents income etc. *Note: Verification is a federal requirement and it the institutions responsibility to complete the verification process. In most instances the school will not award financial aid until the verification process is complete.*