

How To Prepare for the 2025–26 FAFSA® Form

Prepare now so you can complete the 2025–26 FAFSA form as soon as it's available on or before Dec. 1, 2024. Here are some ways you can get ready:

- [Create a StudentAid.gov account](#) (if you don't already have one).
- Learn about the [documents you may need to fill out the FAFSA form](#).
- Determine your [dependency status](#) and whether your parent(s) or spouse will be required to contribute information on your FAFSA form.
- If you're a dependent student, use the [Who's My FAFSA Parent? wizard](#) to identify which parent(s) will be a required contributor on your form.

TAP - New York's tuition assistance program

Don't forget New York State Financial Aid if you plan to go to college here in NYS. Eligible students can receive up to \$5,665 to help cover tuition expenses.

Get more information here:

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships/tuition-assistance-program-tap/>

Types of Financial Aid: Loans, Grants, and Work-Study Programs

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types>

Estimate your Financial Aid - <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>

Looking for scholarships?

Check scholarships in Xello -

https://help.xello.world/en-US/Content/Resources/PDFs/Guides/Stu_Scholarships.pdf

New York scholarships

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships/>

www.fastweb.com

Check out the Counseling page of the school's website and listen/watch for local scholarship announcements at school, through parent square and in Xello.