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# Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

## About the FAFSA:

The first step to finding financial assistance is filling out the FAFSA. This application must be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The FAFSA determines your eligibility for federal grants/ Colleges also use it to determine financial need and the financial aid package they will offer you.

The deadline for completing the FAFSA in order to qualify for the PA state grant is May 1<sup>st</sup> for 4-year colleges, and August 1<sup>st</sup> for 2 year and trade colleges. Some colleges allocate aid on a first come first serve basis, so make sure to get your FAFSA completed as soon as possible.

## About the PA State (PHEAAA) Grant

After completing the FAFSA make sure to file your Pennsylvania State Grant Form to determine your eligibility state grant. You can do that by clicking on your FAFSA confirmation page or visiting: <http://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/state-grant-program/apply-renew.shtml>

## Things you'll need to fill out the FAFSA

- Your Social Security Number or Alien registration Number if you're not a U.S. citizen
- W-2 forms from the last two years
- Your 1040 Federal Tax Income Return (and your parents' tax return if you're under 24)
- Records of Untaxed Income (i.e., TANF, Social Security, Welfare or Veterans Benefits)

## Get help:

### Online:

The US Department of Education's website on the FAFSA, [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), offers step-by-step instructions for completing the FAFSA online.

### On the phone:

Call the Federal Student Aid Information Center for step-by-step help. 800-433-3243

### Watch a video:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Gradcoachcampaign>

### We can help too:

Visit our website and make a one on one appointment or call the office at 215-665-1400 ext. 3356

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