

Why should I file the FAFSA?

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It's the only way to apply for ALL federal and most states' financial aid, including Pell grants, work-study programs, and federal student loans.

Even if you have a full ride scholarship or savings to help pay for college, **filing the FAFSA is a good backup plan to cover unexpected expenses.**

Many scholarships require you to file the FAFSA as part of the application process.

You never know what financial aid you might end up getting! Many students file the FAFSA and are surprised to find they qualify for a grant or a need-based scholarship.

It doesn't take as long as you think. Usually less than one hour from start to finish!

It's not as difficult as you think. FAFSA on the web (www.fafsa.gov) has "Help and Hints" on every section, as well as online chat, phone help, and a frequently asked questions section. You can also come to a UHEAA FAFSA Completion Open House or ask your school counselor for help.

You aren't required to accept loans. The FAFSA is just an application.

There's no reason for students not to file their FAFSA every year they're in college!